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## Surgeon General Visits Hospital, Speaks to Staff



Following luncheon at the Officers' Club Monday, notable guests from the nation's capital posed in the courtyard with the CO and DMO. In the group, left to right, above, are Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt, 12ND Medical Officer; Captain Cook; Dr. Richard Meiling, Medical Director for the National Defense Establishment; and Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, Surgeon General of the United States Navy. In the lower photograph they stop at Ward 42A to visit Jesse L. Allen, AOC. In the group are Captain Cook, LT Mary Rizek, NC, USN; LCDR George C. Beattie, Ward Medical Officer; Admiral Swanson, and Admiral Hunt. Dr. Meiling kneels to examine the patient.

### Liberty At 0800 For Port Watch 4th of July

Holiday routine will prevail for the Fourth of July next Tuesday for members of the Port Watch with liberty beginning at 0800 on that day and expiring at 0730 Wednesday, 5 July. The Starboard watch will have liberty at the usual hours, from 1630 Monday to 0730 Tuesday and from 1300 Wednesday to 0730 Thursday.

Ample fare, with roast turkey highlighting the menu, will be provided by the Commissary Department, and a special, souvenir menu will be given to all who attend. Cigarettes and cigars will also be distributed.

### Sopranos, Altos Needed For Station Chorus

Sixteen men and three women have signed up to join the station chorus which the Welfare and Recreation Department hopes to organize soon.

The choral group needs soprano and alto voices, and just as soon as they are added, arrangements will be made for a University of California Extension Division Music instructor to meet the group and start regular practice sessions. A desire to sing is the only requirement for joining the group. Those interested may register at the Chaplain's office.

### AMA Convention Brings Top-Rank MD's To Oak Knoll

The 99th annual convention of the American Medical Association took a number of staff medical officers to San Francisco during the past week and brought to Oak Knoll some of the nation's top-ranking doctors, among them Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, Surgeon General of the Navy, and Dr. Richard Meiling, Medical Director for the National Defense Establishment. Both men spoke here Monday morning to the commissioned staff.

The Surgeon General discussed the present strength of the various corps within the Navy Medical Department and outlined proposed legislation that would affect promotions, pay, and allowances of personnel in the Medical Department. He discussed the Navy training program at length, emphasizing the need for interns in the service and requesting all who were present to encourage young physicians to apply for commissions in the Navy. He further stated that the residency training program will continue and that emphasis will be placed on the training of junior officers rather than those of the higher grades.

Dr. Meiling gave a short address in which he defined the present status of his own office in relation to the Secretary of Defense and to the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Luncheon was served in the Commissioned Officers' Mess with Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt, 12ND Medical Officer; Captain R. H. Fletcher of the Training Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Captain Roy Fulton, Commanding Officer of the Naval Dispensary at 50 Fell Street, and Captain Robert E. Duncan, Assistant DMO, in attendance.

Again Tuesday the Commanding Officer was host to a group of distinguished medical men including Dr. H. T. Karsner, Medical Research Advisor to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Captain O. D. Yarbrough, in charge of research, division of submarine warfare, BuMed; Dr. Chester Jones, Professor of Medicine from Harvard University Medical School; and Dr. Albert M. Snell, formerly of Mayo Clinic and currently of the Palo Alto Clinic. Dr. Snell, now on the hospital's consulting staff, was at one time Chief of Medicine here.

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Members of the staff had the privilege Monday of hearing an address by Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, MC, USN, Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. He placed special emphasis on the training program and gave a report on the present strength of the Navy Medical Department.

### Fishing Trip Schedule For Oak Knoll Anglers

July 5 will be the first of a series of big days for Oak Knoll fishermen. On that date 30 patients will board one of the ships of the "Skipper Fleet of Sports Fishers" in Vallejo for a day of fishing on the Bay, and once a week thereafter for the next three months the same opportunity will be provided for Oak Knoll anglers.

This plan was formulated on 22 June when E. C. Wilson, coordinator of the Associated Sportsmen's Clubs and Al Accardi "The Good Fish Finder" of Radio Station KLX, met here with the Commanding Officer and members of the Red Cross staff.

The Sportsmen's Clubs will furnish gear, tackle, and bait, and Mr. Accardi has made arrangements with Ney Raahauge, owner of the "Skipper's Fleet of Sports Fishing Boats" for the weekly use of a 65-foot boat, one of the finest on the Bay. It will be skippered by Lee Brown. Accardi will accompany and broadcast from the first trip and will provide entry

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## AMA Convention

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On Wednesday Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, MC, USN, Retired, former Surgeon General, stopped to see Oak Knoll, which was one of the many activities he directed during the war years; and Captains A. J. Delaney and C. W. Stelle of the Bureau were here for a conference with the Commanding Officer.

Climax of the week came Thursday when the entire staff turned out for a formal dinner and dance in honor of the Surgeon General. This event will be reported in next week's issue of the Oak Leaf.

## News for Anglers

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blanks for weekly contests totaling \$1000 in prizes for the luckiest and best fishermen. Transportation and food will be provided by the Navy Welfare and Recreation department.

The Red Cross will handle reservations for the trips and provide an escort.

Thirty patients will go as fisher-

Mother Writes

Captain S. S. Cook, U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
Oakland, California  
Dear Captain Cook:

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all of the personnel at the Maternity Ward at Oak Knoll for the splendid care I received while there. I especially wish to commend to you the outstanding efficiency of the young men who care for the babies in the Nursery. The wonderful morale imparted by them to the new mothers is indeed something above and beyond physical medicine.

Again, my thanks.  
Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Wm. G. Cook

men, and each week there will be accommodations for ten extra men who would like to go along for the ride but who may not be able to handle fishing gear.

All trips will leave Oak Knoll at 6:30 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. All who wish to go are urged to sign up early.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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In Sholem Asch's "The Apostle," Paul tells this story regarding faith. Moses had led the Jews out of Egypt and brought them to the shore of the Red Sea. Behind the children of Israel were the chariots of Pharaoh—before them the angry waters. Then Moses cried to God and God answered him. "Wherefore criest thou to me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward!" Whereupon Moses gave the command, and it was only after the children of Israel gathered up their faith and plunged into the angry waters and had gone on until the waves were up to their lips—that Moses lifted up his rod so that the waters, which had roared upon them and threatened them with death, were suddenly quieted and were reared up in two walls. Between these walls the children of Israel passed in safety to the other side. "Thus it is with every believer," said Paul, "Every believer must pass through his Red Sea knowing that God will be with him."

It is much the same lesson that we get from the Cross. Things looked black indeed on that first Good Friday, but the Resurrection two days later confirmed the faith Christ had that God is ultimately on the side of justice and righteousness and will not abandon those who trust Him all the way—come what may.

A person who can thus put God first by taking the leap of faith, becomes one of God's agents for the accomplishment of His purposes in this world. Thus, what the magnetic pole is to the compass, God's will is to you. By it you are ever pointed in the right direction. It won't make you smile at your difficulties and hardships. Few can. It will give you what it takes to carry on to the accomplishments of your tasks—to face your Red Sea and your Crosses and come out the victor. "If God is for us, who can be against us."

ROBERT F. McCOMAS  
Chaplain, USN

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)  
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

# Red Cross Ramblings



Calling all musicians! The dance band playing these Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Red Cross recreation hall is composed of patients who now are just about ready to leave the hospital. So—there is an immediate need for a trumpet player, saxophone player and one who plays the electric guitar. Anyone who plays these instruments in the popular dance style, see Miss White, Red Cross recreation worker in charge of the recreation hall. Instruments and rooms for rehearsals are available. Shown above are the members now comprising the band. Left to right: Leslie Pope, PFC, bass; Jack Hyde, EN1, drums; Ronald Friese, MUSN, trumpet; and Harry Adams, AN, electric guitar.

## SPECIAL STAMP SESSION

In addition to the weekly meeting every Wednesday afternoon, a special Stamp Club meeting has been tentatively set for the evening of 12 July. Stamp Club members from Alameda have been invited to participate in this meet and to contribute to the exhibit. The Alameda group showed an exhibit last year which was so interesting that by popular request, they have been asked to return this year. This group also contributes many supplies to the hospital club so that all patients may have access to stamps and equipment necessary to a collection. Even those not collecting stamps will be intrigued and fascinated by the variety of displays. So watch for further announcements regarding this event.

## TROPICAL FISH SERVICE

E. H. RAKOWICZ and his son, MORRIS RAKOWICZ, representing the San Francisco Aquarium Society, recently brought supplies and beautiful tropical fish to restock and rebeautify the crew's library aquarium. A large blue rock and a castle gave a finishing touch to the marine landscape.

The junior Mr. Rakowicz is the aquatic biologist who takes care of the tropical fish at Steinhart Aquarium in Golden Gate Park and he and his father own and operate the South Seas Tropical Fish Company on 66th Avenue and East 14th Street in Oakland. Both these experts in tropical fish life plan to return soon to service other aquariums on the wards.

## CRAFTS HIGHLIGHTS

Ceramics is becoming the most popular activity in the new Red Cross hobby shop, probably because of the new modernistic molds which provide such a variety of functional pottery.

Mr. CLARK and Mr. WEST, veterans, ward 43B, are doing outstanding work in leather carving. Both men have made beautiful ladies' purses recently.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

HARROLD, Michael Stephen, to wife Preston Harrold, DCC, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.  
SWIGART, Soren Charles, to wife Charles Swigart, HM1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
19 June  
SPEARS, Janice Lynn, to wife of Herkell Spears, AD1, 8 pounds.  
SMITH, Amanda, to wife of Richard Smith, ADAN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
EGLI, Cynthia Jeanne, to wife of Fred Egli, Sgt., 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
SMITH, Pauline Ernestine, to wife of Joseph Smith, EN2, 4 pounds, 12 ounces.  
20 June  
SHORT, Kathleen Marie, to wife of Calvin Short, EM1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
HUMPHREY, Rollie Ray, to wife of Rollie J. Humphrey, TD2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
ROBBS, Debra Anne, to wife of Buster Robbs, AD3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
21 June  
FANSHER, Baby Boy, to wife of Virgil Fansher, TEC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
McDONALD, Linda Rae, to wife of Raymond McDonald, AN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
LA BINE, Archie Armore Jr., to wife Archie La Bine, AM3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
AVILA, Karen Marie, to wife of Orin Avila, EM3, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.  
22 June  
SHEPARD, Baby Boy, to wife of Christopher Shepard, SH2, 3 pounds, 10 ounces.  
WALSH, William John, to wife of William Walsh, SA, 7 pounds, 1/2 ounce.  
MARTINEZ, Martin Joseph, to wife of Frederick Martinez, CSSN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
BRUNS, Kathryn Ann, to wife of William Bruns, AE3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
23 June  
GREGORY, Susan Christine, to wife of Kenneth Gregory, SK1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
THOMPSON, Richard Bland III, to wife of Richard Thompson, AD2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
PATTERSON, Laurence Schetky, to wife of DeWitt Patterson, CMDR, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
BERTRAND, Douglas Michael, to wife of Ross Bertrand, PFC, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.  
24 June  
BONDS, Sandra Lynn, to wife of Samuel Bonds, SN, 7 pounds.  
KIOUS, Kenneth, to wife of Marlin Kious, MMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

## New, And First, Arrival At Linse's House Is Boy

Evaline Linse, wife of Leonard I. Linse, HMC, gave birth to a seven-pound son at 1130 Tuesday morning. The boy, Ronald Lee Linse, is the first child born to the couple.

Chief Linse, on duty in the CO's Mail Room, has been stationed at Oak Knoll for several months and was a former member of the Board of Governors for the Chief's Club of this base. In addition to his other duties, the chief also plays third base for the CPO's softball club.



## Who's Who . . .

The first light of day attacked the eyes of Charles William Willets Jr. in Portsmouth, Virginia — surely an omen that he would one day be in a



Naval Hospital like the first one erected in that eastern city. Although he liked the city of his birth, Willets longed for the sun and scenery of Florida and at last could re-

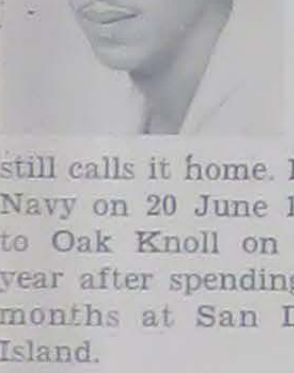
strain himself no longer. He went to that state of sun-worshippers to live at Daytona Beach. It was there, while working for the Red Cross, that he first discovered the benefits of a life at sea and left his job to enlist in Uncle's Navy and become a sailor and hospital corpsman on 18 October 1948. Currently working on 70A, the smiling, blonde HN first arrived at this hospital in April 1949.

Born in Preston, Idaho, B. T. Cooper, HA on Ward 66, found the life of a sailor was easily had by slipping across the line into Logan, Utah, and signing on the dotted line, which he did on 29 September 1948. Naturally enough, he went to San Diego first of all for a tedious bit of duty known affectionately as "Boot Camp" and another stint of intensified study called "Corps School" before reporting to the hills of Oak Knoll on 1 April 1949.



Cooper has a decided liking for liberty and sports, especially baseball, tennis and swimming. He pitches for the Administration Building's softball team in the intra-departmental league.

A good man for one of the teams to grab in the coming bowling league is Bennett Y. Fonsworth, HA of Ward 41A. In addition to swimming, bowling is the favorite means of recreation for the tall, young corpsman, or so he says for publication.



Fonsworth was born in Denver, Colorado; he enlisted there, and still calls it home. He enlisted in the Navy on 20 June 1949 and reported to Oak Knoll on 20 April of this year after spending the intervening months at San Diego and Mare Island.

The two veteran burglars snaked their way into the empty office in the dark of night and while one held a pinhole flashlight, the other expertly twirled the knob, listening for the click of the tumblers.

Presently came a voice: "And if you suffer from falling hair, Mr. Man, ask yourself this simple question. Would you like to know about a simple, economical preparation which will . . .

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

Those blushing cheeks, those endearing young glances, the fluttering eye lashes could only be meant for McHarque, of 61B. SHE comes to the ward quite often to visit her ill father, and each time Cupid tightens his bowstring a little tighter, ready to release that fateful arrow. Ah, Love.

That '38 Buick with all the windows busted, fenders smashed, rods out, and everything else that makes a car ready for the junk pile belongs to none other than Pruitt and Ables. Ah, the reckless life of youth . . . but why not buy a gun, boys? It's quicker.

You've heard of people who have traveled 'round the world on their faces. Well, Hughes, C. W., of 61A, took it literally and went somewhere on his face, probably took a trip right into a guy's fist. Oh!

A. L. Johnson, certified critic of women's clothes, made this comment on a dainty little creature he spied at the swimming pool a few days ago as she swayed rhythmically by. "Her suit is like a barbed-wire fence — enough to protect the property but not enough to spoil the view." Boing-g-g-g-g-g.

R. H. Shoemaker, of 62A, states that during his two years as a corpsman at Oak Knoll he has learned, among other things, that it takes a long time for people to get over an illness if compensation sets in. M-m-m-m-m.

Wickland, of 64B, intends to marry a woman who will worship him, but he doesn't want her to place burnt offerings before him three times a day.

Craig, of Pharmacy, was heard bragging about the wonderful Father's Day gift he sent his father. It was a 114-piece after-dinner set—a box of toothpicks.

H. Jones, who hails from darkest Brooklyn, was overheard a few mornings ago engaged in a conversation with a fellow corpsman. It went something like this "You know," said Jones, "Dis morning I hoid a boid choiping." "No James," corrected his companion, "You heard a bird chirping." Funny," commented J. H., "I woulda swore it was a boid choiping."

What they are saying on the Korean situation: J. P. Crovo, of the Bag-room says, "I don't want to go to Korea; I don't know anybody over there." Miller, of Organization office says, "Onward, onward! To—to the hills of Tennessee." Woods, Night M.A.A. of HCQ, says, "But just think, I'll be chief in six months . . . if I live that long." "Me? I got nothin' to say. I'm just chewing my finger nails and waiting.

Two Englishmen were sitting in adjoining easy chairs in the cloistered quiet of their club. One looked up from his paper and murmured: "I say, old man, terribly sorry to hear about your wife."

"Eh, what's that?" the other asked, looking up from his own paper.

"I said," explained the first, "that I was sorry to read that they buried your wife yesterday."

"Oh, yes, of course," said the other, preparing to return to his paper. Then added as an afterthought: "Had to, you know. Dead."

## U. C. Nurses Visit Wards and Quarters



Twenty-five graduate students from the University of California School of Nursing, pictured above with the Commanding Officer and CDR Rosalie Jorgenson, Chief Nurse, visited wards and departments at this hospital Thursday, 22 June. The women, who chose a field trip to Oak Knoll in preference to other hospitals in the Bay Area, have finished five years of training, and all hold Bachelor of Science degrees. After a welcoming speech by the Commanding Officer and a short talk by Miss Jorgenson, the women toured the compound and then had an informal talk over tea at the Nurses Quarters.

## Saves Child Despite Fractured Left Tibia

In spite of a painfully fractured left tibia, Mrs. Lydia May Steele, now on 72A, held onto her 9-year-old granddaughter's hand until help arrived to rescue both from Half Moon Bay Sunday afternoon.

The accident occurred while the two were on an outing with relatives. The 56-year-old woman and her granddaughter, Sherry Lynn Steele, were standing on a rock while the little girl looked into the water. The child slipped, and Mrs. Steele, unable to get traction on the smooth boulder, followed her into the water. Although she suffered the broken bone in her fall from the rocks, she supported her grandchild until help arrived.

Mrs. Steele is the mother of William H. Steele, ET3, stationed at Norfolk, Virginia.

## Welcome and Farewell

During the week of 21 June to 28 June, the staff of Oak Knoll was increased by 27 with only four being transferred. Those being transferred were: LCDR Robert C. Rouen, to USS Juneau; Ens Violet Krisko, to USNH, Guam; Ens Helen A. Melton, to civilian life, and Robert E. Lederer, HMC, to Receiving Station, San Francisco.

Reporting aboard were Capt. Joseph Zundell, LCDR Rosella Nesgis from USNH, Mare Island; from civil life for duty as interns came John K. Kohlaas, Franklin C. Hill, Jr., Gene A. Llewellyn, D. E. Cameron, Robert Roback, Frank Clarke, John Herrington, Clifton H. Wright, Albertus F. Dodson, Wayne E. Hird, and Albert F. Crumby; from Mare Island came Gordon A. Hirschberger, HM2, Rudolph J. English, HM3, Robert E. Hines, HM3, James C. Palmer, HM3, Norman Vander Laag, HN, and Harold A. Pinney, Jr.; and from Corps School came Frederick H. Allen,

## Forty To See Rodeo; STBD Picnic Sunday

With one eye on Port watch personnel who suffered the ravages of poison oak as a result of the last picnic, and the other eye on the weather, members of the Starboard watch are preparing to indulge in their second picnic of the summer next Sunday, 9 July.

On both of the previous picnics, the weather was overcast and chilly, causing California to lose much face, and with a stretch of sunny weather just passing, as it did before both of the other outings, Knollites are keeping a skeptical watch on the sky and an unbelieving hand on their umbrellas.

The picnic of 9 July will be held in the Redwood Regional Park in the same area used before.

On Saturday, 8 July, forty patients will be transported to the Rowell Ranch in Dublin Canyon, Hayward, to watch the first annual Alameda County Rodeo there.

The rodeo is being held for the benefit of hospitalized veterans and will have Brooke "Red Ryder" Temple as special guest star of the occasion. There, too, will be his namesake, the horse "Red Ryder", considered to be one of the wickedest bucking horses ever seen. He has an unorthodox style of bucking, fights in the chute, and has injured several of the persons who have attempted to ride him.

All who are interested in any of the activities are urged to contact Welfare and Recreation and let them know as early as possible. Departure time for the bus will be announced when patients sign up.

Charles D. Blondino, John T. Downs, Gere D. Hodges, Charles Van Mercer, Jr., William F. Miller, Roberto Serrano, and Donald L. Simmons, all HA's.



# Charms, WAFS Defeat Nurses

Heavily loaded with horseshoes, four-leaf clover, and rabbits' feet, the visiting WAFS from Hamilton Field defeated the Oak Knoll Nurses handily Wednesday afternoon as every ball they hit shied away from the Nurses' gloves and every ball the Nurses hit sped unerringly to a WAF's glove.

Although they tagged the offerings of the WAF's pitcher, Sullivan, easily, the WAF's fielder, leaping, one-handed catches and running, back-handed stops with seemingly impossible throws to first cut the Nurses' rallies off before they could gain headway.

Ens Betty L. Gregorio, shortstop, garnered the only basehit for the locals, a line-drive single into right field, which Marty Marion would have waved at.

During the game, the services of Lt Margaret Mariniak, left fielder for the Nurses and one of their leading hitters, was lost for the remainder of the season when she suffered a fractured right radius in the bottom of the third inning. With no one out, she sent a "cinch" single toward the shortstop who went deep to her left, came up with the horsehide and, still out of position, threw to first. The first sacker stretched to get the ball and Mariniak tripped over her outstretched foot.

Trailing 2 to 0 going into the bottom of the first, the Nurses tied it up when Ens Mary L. Duhamel forced Ens B. A. Coey, who'd walked, advanced to second when Drummonds walked, and scored when Mariniak forced Drummonds. Mariniak tied it at 2 all with a theft of second and scored when Ens Margaret Jungers reached first on the second sacker's error. Ens Mary Wathen and Faye Slate closed out the scoring for the Nurses in the final inning. Wathen walked, stole second, went to third when Slate got life on an error and scored on an overthrow. Slate crossed the tally bag when Jungers again made first via an error.



Lt. Margaret Mariniak, left-fielder of the Nurses, bangs out the first of her two hits to drive in the first two runs scored by the Nurses in the Alameda game last Wednesday during the fourth inning. On base were Ens. Faye J. Slate and Cecelia B. O'Connor, who scored easily on the bingle. Anxiously waiting for the delinquent ball is Tallint, catcher for the victorious Hell Kittens.

# CSR Wins Two, 4th Place; CPO'S Pull Within 1/2 Game

The surprising men of George Schroder from CSR continued to roll unchecked over all opposition during the past week as they defeated two teams easily in a 13-5 conquest of the mighty NP Techs and a 23-3 rout of the hapless Civilian nine to take over fourth place in the Intra-Departmental League, five games out of first place.

With a crushing, record-breaking 34-13 win over the Civilians Friday, 23 June, the Officers retained the circuit's lead, but the CPO Club pulled within half a game by taking a 24-9 decision from the AdMen 22 June, and a tough 7-0 forfeit game from the NP's Wednesday afternoon.

The loss to the CSRers was a tough blow for the NP's in more ways than one, because a collision at home plate resulted in the dislocation of Wolfe's elbow. Wolfe, chucker for the men of M. H. Myers, was one of the most promising pitchers in the league, having plenty of speed and being just erratic enough to keep the batters from digging in against his offerings.

In the six games he worked, Wolfe struck out 43 men, gave up 33 hits, and allowed only 14 earned runs to cross the plate. He lost only two games, the first being the best game of the season when he and Rouen went to an eight-inning pitching duel before Wolfe talked across the winning run. In a protested game against the CPO Club, Wolfe limited the Chiefs to one hit for the best single pitching performance of the season.

In a game which saw the score-keeper go crazy, the Officers drop from sheer exhaustion, and the Civilians go lame from chasing balls, the Officers broke all existing records by scoring 34 runs, 14 in the sixth inning, to hand the Civilians the worst licking yet administered this season. Statistics: Officers: 34 runs, lots of hits, many errors by the Civvies. Civilians: 13 runs, some hits, and a few errors by the Officers. 'Nuff said.

League Standings				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Officers	9	2	.818	---
CPO Club	8	2	.800	1/2
N.P. Techs	8	5	.615	2
CSR	4	7	.363	5
Administration	4	8	.333	5 1/2
Civilians	1	9	.100	7 1/2

Batting Leaders					
	GP	AB	R	H	Pct
Lyons, CPO	8	26	16	15	.576
Medeiros, Civilians	7	25	8	13	.520
Muscate, N.P.'s	10	25	11	13	.520
Beer, Officers	7	26	10	13	.500
Martin, CPO	9	28	12	13	.464

# Peons Edged By WesSeaFron 5-2

Nine softball players from the Western Sea Frontier combined five hits, five walks, and five Peon error to score five runs and defeat the Oak Knoll Peons 5 to 2 on the Treasure Island diamond Wednesday afternoon.

The game was played in a steady bothersome wind which continually retarded long hits by the Peon, making them easy catches for the Frontiersmen's left and center fielders. C. A. Johnson and Oscar Lindblad, the boom-boom boys of the locals, were especially hampered. Both caught offerings squarely and drove them deep for what appeared certain extra bases, only to see them slow and drop prematurely for easy catches.

The margin of victory came to the Frontiersmen in the last half of the third inning. Leading 2 to 0 and with one down, Milanese, first-sacker, lined his second hit of the game into right field, went to third on an error and scored when Barnes, second baseman, hit safely. Murphy, who's life on an error advanced Milanese to third, scored a needless run on another Peon error to give the winner their insurmountable lead.

After being held to two hits (both by C. F. Young, baseball stand-out playing shortstop for the short-handed Peons) until the fifth inning the losers garnered two more for the two runs allotted them by Parker, slow ball specialist of the Frontiersmen. With one man out, T. R. Forrest blooped a single into right field and went to third when A. L. Boucha sent a screaming grass-cutter into the same pasture. Bill Sellars followed with a long fly to center field to drive Forrest across and sent Boucha, who'd stolen second, to third. Boucha scored moments later by picking up his size twelves and dashing across the plate on a passed ball.

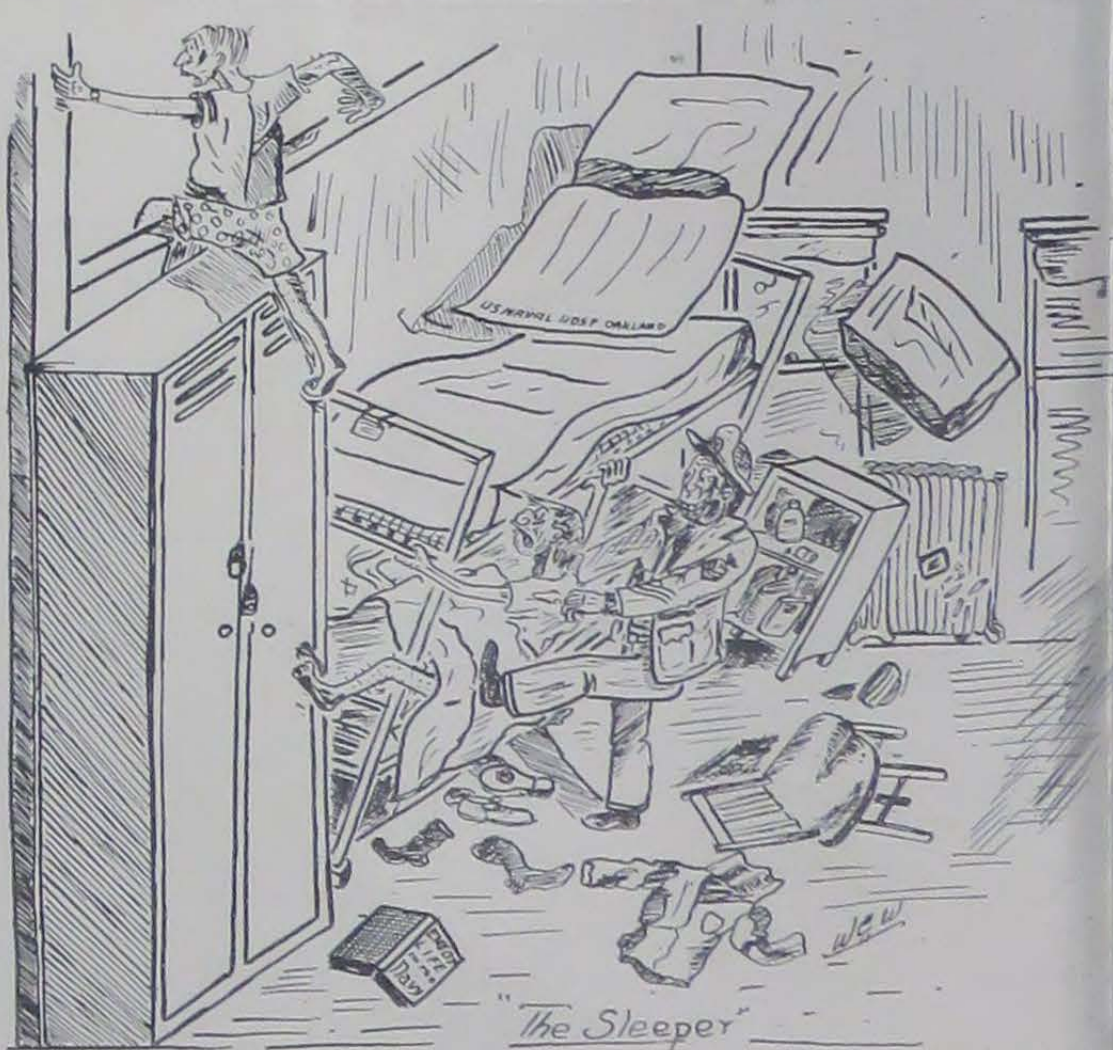
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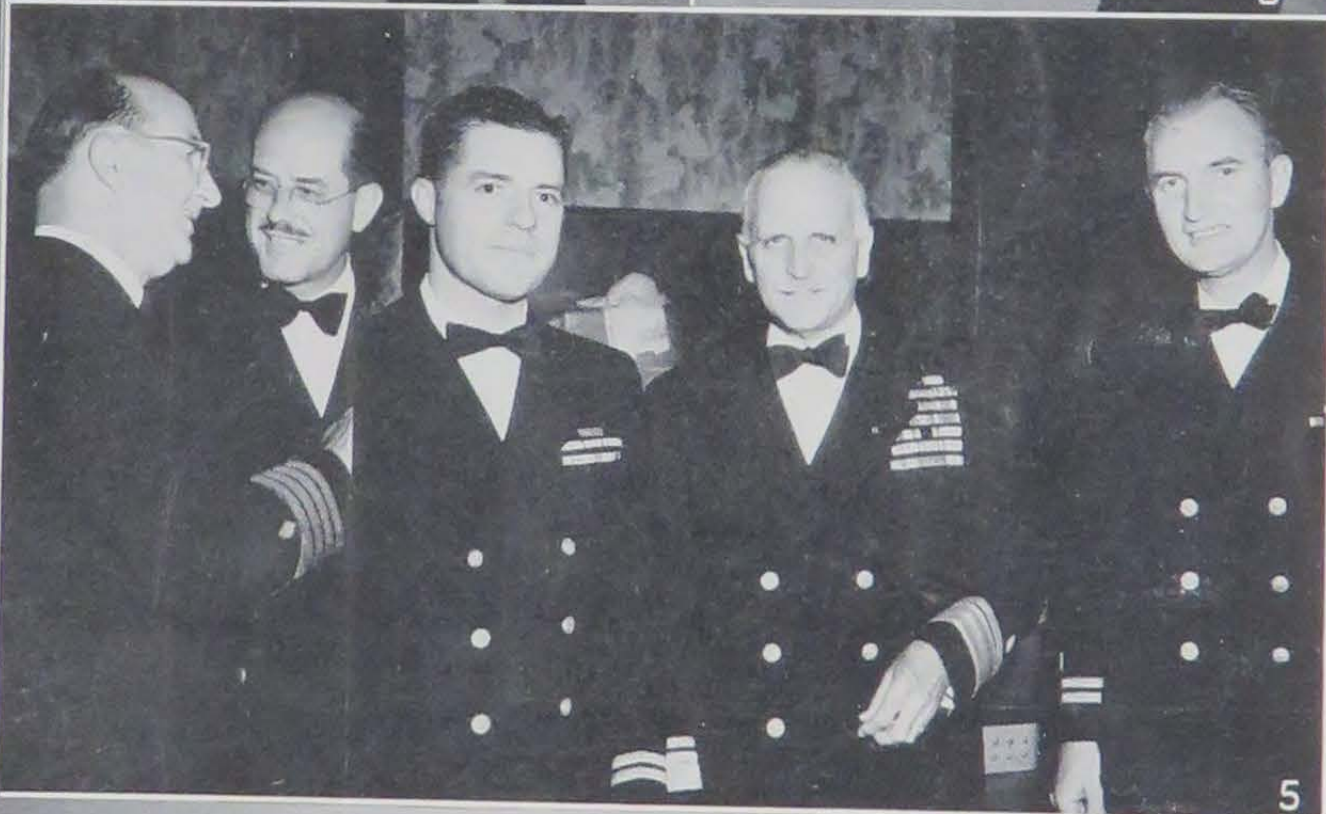


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## More Than 400 Turn Out to Honor Surgeon General At Club Party



Highlight of the 1950 Social Calendar at the Officers' Club was the dinner and dance given on 29 June in honor of the Surgeon General. Among the 420 guests (1) were Captain and Mrs. B. G. Feen, Medical Supply Center, Oakland; Captain O. D. Yarbrough of BuMed; and Captain P. B. Gallegos. (2) The photographers found Admiral Swanson and the C.O. in a serious mood, while in (3) he caught a glimpse of CDR Thomas J. Canty and Mrs. Canty. Reading on from left to right are Rear Admiral

H. L. Pugh of BuMed; Captain and Mrs. Cook, and CDR Tracy D. Cuttle. The two couples enjoying themselves in (4) are CWOHC and Mrs. L. E. Amick and LCDR and Mrs. Alexander Bowdle. Distinguished gentlemen in photo (5) are Captain P. O. Northington, Captain A. J. Delaney of BuMed; LT R. O. Harrison, whose Commissary Department prepared and served the dinner; Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, General Inspector of

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# The Oak Leaf

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Morale is one of the most used words in the military service. For many of us, it has the wrong connotation because of wide publicity during the last war—"Morale is a lot of little things"—a beer party, a letter from home, an overnight liberty, or a movie. This expression caught the public fancy and stuck. It has befuddled the American mind in regard to the true meaning of a simple word. Morale is more than having a good time in a day when good times are scarce. We had better rediscover its meaning in view of what we may have to face if the cold war becomes hot.

Morale is a mental state which renders a man capable of endurance and of exhibiting courage in the presence of danger. It is freely choosing to gather up one's time and strength in order to make use of them for something over and above one's own advantage—something hard enough to call for zeal and earnestness and big enough to go beyond amusing oneself.

"Morale comes in when you decide to scorn delights and live laborious days. Morale implies the will to do this in the first place and enough drive or strength of purpose to go through with it. It means determination to go on no matter what happens."

It is a state of steadiness underneath. You may feel low but you go on anyway. How can you build up this "morale"? Do you think a beer party will do it? Do you think that a belief that might makes right, that "God is on the side of the heaviest battalions" will do it? I believe the answer lies in another direction—in a belief that God is truth, that it is His purpose that light and love will triumph, and that the suffering and sacrifice that men are called upon to endure have a redemptive quality. A high morale comes when the individual can say, "Infinitesimal as my role may seem, the larger drama would be marred without it." It is sufficient that we sense its greatness and do our best. We can safely trust Providence for the rest. Surely we who believe in a just and omnipotent God will not doubt a design where human souls are concerned. He who notes each sparrow's fall will take care of everything. Do your job as best you can; pray for peace, but also prepare yourself spiritually for what may come. God has strength for every hour, but you have to seek it early if you want its greatest power felt in the hours of your need.

ROBERT F. McCOMAS.

## More On Dinner Dance

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Medical Department Activities and LT F. M. Thornburg. Scene (6) finds Ensigns Evelyn M. Bliss and Esther M. Thompson and CDR Milton Kurzrok selecting their favorite hors d' oeuvres. Captain E. F. Kline in (7) is surrounded by Ensigns Helen F. Wallis, Virginia Trujillo, Lillis L. Stoops, and Mary M. Ketter. In (8) the photographer got an excellent candid shot of the Surgeon General as he greeted Dr. Charles T. Hayden, Civilian Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Divine Services

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**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

# Red Cross Ramblings

## A PATIENT'S POEM WHILE PRONE—

From inactivity via pencil and paper, comes this original poem from D. B. Newell, RMC, entered recently on ward 50B. Chief Newell has spent twenty-one years in communications. His most recent assignment was communications supervisor on the island of Samoa.

### CUBICLE LAMENT

Now the inmates of this little cubicle  
Have that bug, ole Bacillus Tubercule.  
Into your lungs he sticks his snout,  
Once inside—Brother, look out!  
He eats away with deadly intent  
Till one of these days your energy's spent.  
Then to a hospital you must go  
For a long healing process, Boy!  
It's slow.  
A bunch of rules you must obey!  
Take no exercise, in bed we must stay.  
Wear a mask, stay out of the hall,  
Keep the doors closed, no visitors may call.  
They shoot us with strep, give us ole P.A.S.  
Shoot air in the belly, remove a rib with finesse,  
But one of these days when they say we're well  
They can take this cubicle and go to ———!

### WHITTLING AS AN ART

There's a lot of satisfaction just sitting and whittling a piece of wood. This leaves the mind free to do a lot of thinking or just day-dreaming. But to use the blade carefully and purposely on a beautiful piece of wood, as Ed Silva, veteran on 42B, is doing, is to produce an exceptional work in wood carving. Silva carved a horse's head from redwood and now is working on a bas-relief figurine of a bucking horse. They are most attractive and beautifully done.  
Remember the hobby or craft shop is open every Monday evening from 1900 to 2100, as well as days, Monday through Friday.

### ANOTHER TEAM COMES TO BAT

The newly-formed softball team is composed of patients from ward 48. Wearing red caps as part of their uniforms, it seems appropriate that this team calls itself the "Red Tops." Heading the team as captain is Jack Hyde, EN1, Richard Curry, HM3, staff, Joseph Mitchell, CS3, James Smith, SA, Max Kuispert, YR3, August Brinkmann, Pfc., Charles Marlenne, HN, and Richard Davis, AA. They are an enthusiastic group of players and are out to win. By the looks of their two practice games, they pack a mean wallop.

### THEY DOOD IT

The Western String Busters, a quartette of patients playing string instruments, played a number of western tunes on wards 44A and 41B recently. Al Solle, SN, and Richard McGee, SN, from 47B, Robert Clarke, SN, from 44B, and Tommy Parks, SN, from 79B really gave forth in typical western style. Tommy Parks is on record as having won second prize in a radio contest singing the song "Mountain Dew," which he also sang on the wards. Al Solle took time out from his fiddle playing to assist with the solo parts in other songs. The group expects to visit more wards with their familiar and popular style music.

# LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

25 June  
REINHARD, William Lewis Jr., and Kathleen Ann, to wife of William L. Reinhard, LTJG, 5 pounds, and 4 pounds, ounces.

McQUAIN, Suzanne, to wife of William McQuain, BM1, 8 pounds.

26 June  
HOWARD, Pamela Ellen, to wife of Gar Howard, PN2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

WELLS, Ronald Michael, to wife of Ralph Wells, HMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

KIMBALL, Denna Elaine, to wife of Gerald Kimball, AD1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

WHITAKER, John Clinton, to wife of Clarence Whitaker, ATC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

27 June  
SCHMIDT, John Carl, to wife of Joseph Schmidt, GMC, 6 pounds.

THOMAS, William Edmond, to wife of Le Roy Thomas, DC2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

LINSE, Ronald Lee, to wife of Leonard Lee Linse, HMC, 7 pounds.

BORROWMAN, Judith Ann, to wife of Heber M. Borrowman, CS2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

28 June  
PITMAN, Gregory Lawrence, to wife of Ora Pitman, MMC, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

DU BOSE, Yvonne Elaine, to wife of Thomas Du Bose, GMC, 8 pounds.

COLLINS, Margaret Ann Clarice, to wife of Jack Collins, AD3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

BARNES, Margaret Kathryn, to wife of Robert Barnes, RM2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

KISLINGBURY, Baby Boy, to wife of Calvin Kislingbury, AD2, 9 pounds.

29 June  
WARD, Kelly Kirk, to wife of J. O. Ward, RM1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

ROWE, Robert Daniel II, to wife of Robert Rowe, HM3, 10 pounds, 3 ounces.

GARRETSON, Thomas Charles, to wife of Thomas Garretson, AD1, 8 pounds.

30 June  
WHITED, Ronald Wayne, to wife of Edmund Whited, ADC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

KENNALEY, Michael Thomas, to wife of Thomas Kennalety, AA, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

APPLEGATE, Baby Boy, to wife of Richard C. Applegate, LTJG, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

1 July  
ANDERSON, Randall Lin, to wife of James Anderson, CSC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

QUINTON, Virginia Ann, to wife of Clem J. Quinton, PNC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

AMMON, Randall Allen, to wife of Walter Ammon, 1st LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

MELIN, Margaret Diana, to wife of Ernest Melin, Captain, USMC, 10 pounds, ounces.

# New Clothing System In Effect

Washington (AFPS) — The new monetary clothing allowance system for enlisted personnel adopted by all the Armed Services effective July 1, 1950, is expected to produce a substantial saving to the Government by eliminating the costly and cumbersome system of individual clothing accounts for all personnel.

The following schedule of allowances has been set up for the fiscal year 1951, beginning July 1:

	INITIAL ALLOWANCE	
	Men	Women
Army	\$184.96	\$252.11
Navy	151.55	252.11
Marine Corps	203.79	248.88
Air Force	210.65	244.22

Allowances for fiscal year 1951 are somewhat higher than those prevailing in fiscal year 1950. For instance, the Army allowance for fiscal year 1950 was \$173.12 for men and \$197.11 for women. Approximately the same degree of difference is noted in allowances for the other services.

The basic maintenance monthly allowance will begin to accrue with the seventh month of service, and continue for the remainder of the first three years.

	BASIC MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	
	Men	Women
Army	\$4.20	\$4.20
Navy	3.60	4.20
Marine Corps	4.20	4.20
Air Force	4.20	4.20

Standard monthly maintenance allowances in effect after the first three years of service will be as follows:

	STANDARD MONTHLY MAINTENANCE (After 3 Years)	
	Men	Women
Army	\$5.40	\$6.00
Navy	4.20	6.00
Marine Corps	5.70	6.00
Air Force	5.70	6.00



## Who's Who . . .

For two years, Robert L. Scott, HA, has graced the ranks of the Navy with his cheerful physiognomy and sly wisecracks against the forces of mankind. The short, stocky Record Office worker joined the Navy and Hospital Corps on 7 July 1948 in his home town of Salt Lake City, Utah.

A softball and shuffleboard enthusiast, Scott does nothing in the spare time allotted him except "just plain loaf," a hobby popular with everyone the world over. He arrived at Oak Knoll from Corps School on 29 January of 1949 and has worked on several wards since his arrival.

Not only is Morris G. Neely, HM2, forced to keep himself awake these long summer nights, but he has to go around to the wards at regular intervals and make certain that everyone else is in a wide-awake condition, too, as part of his duties as Assistant Night Master-at-Arms.

Neely joined the Navy in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 12 April 1947 and came to Oak Knoll from Bethesda, Maryland on 2 May 1949. Since his arrival, he has spent most of his duty hours at Occupational Therapy and only recently went on night duty.



The deep tan on the features of Merle E. Sutton is adequate proof against all who doubt that his favorite sport is swimming. And if it isn't, a quick trip to the pool during his off-duty hours will convince you.



The HA from 75B joined the Navy in Hanford, California, near his home town of Alpaugh, on 22 March 1948 and arrived at this compound from Corps School in San Diego. Prior to enlisting, he lived and worked on a farm. Since joining he has become interested in art and studies it in his spare time.

For eight years, A. Wayne Wilson, HA, has served the causes of the United States Navy, three years in the Pacific Theatre of war and one in convoy duty in the Atlantic. Wilson enlisted in Portland, Oregon, in 1942, soon after hostilities had begun and was sent to the Pacific almost immediately after boot camp.



Since October 1948 he has lived in Santa Cruz Island Village with his wife, Dorothy, and his six-year-old son, Johnny. An amateur poet, the corpsman of 44A has written several poems and has had a number of them accepted by leading magazines.

## Welcome and Farewell

During the week of 29 June to 5 July, 30 persons reported aboard while 33 were being transferred. Those being transferred were: CDR G. E. Meador, to Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D. C.; LT Marie M. Schroeder, to USNH, St. Albans, New York; LT Edith L. Robinson, to USNH, Great Lakes, Illinois; LTJG B. L. Crue, to USS NEREUS; LTJG D. W. Grimes, to DES DIV 31, DES SQUAD 3; LTJG S. R. Easter, to Edwards Air Force Base, Muroc, California; LTJG's T. A. Amburgey, H. R. Boyd, H. G. Fuller, R. E. Higgs, W. W. McKinley, C. C. Reberger, W. N. Smith, D. J. Spangler, L. Stadnik, and C. V. Zabriskie, to civilian life; LTJG Mary P. Molloy, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada; ENS Winifred L. Fretsche, to NAS, San Diego; ENS Norma J. Thompson, to USS GENERAL W. A. MANN; D. G. Smith, HM3, to USS RICHARD P. ANDERSON; Johnston, D. V., HN, to Naval Station, Treasure Island; F. F. Williams, HN, to Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; D. N. Mahone, HN, to USS ENDECOTT; R. M. Maher, HN, to USS HELENA; HN's R. L. Findley, J. J. Hafelfinger, A. F. Harrison, and J. W. Hawkins, HA, to RecSta, San Francisco, furas to Guam; W. Nimits, HA, to RecSta, San Francisco, furas to Japan; and SA's H. B. Wells, L. G. Ammons, W. A. Barrett, and J. H. Johnson, to NAS Alameda.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Ruth E. Fabian, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; from civil life for duty as interns came M. G. Oppen, G. H. Bjorkman, G. C. Maier, W. I. Ellison, K. B. Romness, H. V. Eastman, R. Pietrobono, N. G. Lund, G. A. Yaeger, H. A. Lorberbaum, C. V. Carlson, and H. H. Wandling; HMC's P. Cavaiani, H. R. Conrad, V. S. MacKnight, R. F. Lucas, R. F. Waldroys, and E. W. Rose, E. O. Carr, HM1, E. N. Estrem, HM2, A. N. Daru, and C. S. Axworthy, HM3, from USNH, Mare Island; J. J. McBeath, HMC, from NNMC, Bethesda; W. J. Larsen, HM2, from RecSta, San Francisco; R. E. Hays, HM2, from NNMC, Bethesda; E. D. Carlson, HM2, from USND, 12ND, San Francisco; E. C. Mancil, HM2, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and DA's G. K. Maness and L. J. Mitchell, from USNTC, San Diego.

## Reginato Sets New Time For Lessons

Joseph A. Reginato, director of athletics and recreation at this base, upon his return from two weeks active training duty with the Marines Monday, announced that swimming and tennis lessons would now be given by appointment. (In the past they have been given at stated times during the day and since many of the staff at this base couldn't be available at the chosen time, there was a small turnout.)

Anyone who desires coaching in either sport may contact Mr. Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation office and arrange for a time to meet him.

## Amputees Give Demonstration At AMA



A group of patients from the Amputee Center, which was recently moved to this hospital from Mare Island, went to the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco last week to give the American medical world a glimpse of what can be accomplished by proper training. In the group, headed by CDR T. J. Canty, extreme right, are, left to right, E. E. Williams, SK2, LCDR Rosella Nesgis, NC, senior nurse of the department, Charles Asbelle, Rehabilitation Specialist, J. C. Bates, Walking Instructor and patient, D. A. Lynch, SA, E. S. Misch, Charles Toombs, Charles Wilding, and Mrs. Margie Nichols. In the back row are patients Don Strong, William Smith, and Donald Kerr. In the picture below Dr. Richard L. Meiling, Director of Medical Service for the National Defense Establishment (third from right) appears with the group. The booth was sponsored by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday 9 July

**BROKEN ARROW** (Color)—James Stewart, Debra Paget. This is a story of Indians and White men. This time the Indians are not scalp hungry. They are a nation which fights to keep their land and hunting grounds. James Stewart is a scout who convinces them that it is best that they keep to peace instead of fighting a losing battle.

Monday 10 July

**INDIAN SCOUT**—George Montgomery, Ellen Drew. A new release with no available information.

Tuesday 11 July

**THE FURIES**—Barbara Stanwyck, Wendell Corey. T. C. Jeffords rules everything on his cattle empire, the Furies, in the New Mexican territory of 1889 except his self-willed daughter, Vance. T. C. adores her but disapproves when she plans to marry Darrow a gambler, from whose family T. C. has taken lands. Vance's love for her father turns to hate when he encourages the friendship of Flo, a worldly widow, who expects to marry him and becomes mistress of the Furies and Vance. Eventually Vance outwits her father and Flo, gains possession of the ranch and T. C. is killed by a victim of his land-grabbing.

Wednesday 12 July

**HOEDOWN**—Eddy Arnold, Jeff Donnell. This is a simple yarn, full of hill-billy ballads and a simple straight-forward kind of humor that should appeal. For the marquee there is the appealing name of Eddy Arnold, who calls himself the Tennessee Plowboy, and who is given plenty of

chance in this picture to sing and strum his guitar.

Thursday 13 July

**DAVID HARDING COUNTER SPY**—Willard Parker, Audrey Long. Willard Parker is the naval officer brought to a town where torpedoes are being manufactured. His assignment is to discover how information is leaking out, and he is working for a secret Federal counter-espionage organization named by "David Harding" and played by Howard St. John.

Friday 14 July

**CRISIS**—Cary Grant, Jose Ferrer. In "Crisis" Cary Grant plays a doctor who has to operate on a man whom he dislikes very much. The man, Jose Ferrer, is a dictator in a Latin American country which is in the middle of a civil war. The question put before Grant is whether he has or hasn't the right to kill a man.

Saturday 15 July

**WE WERE STRANGERS**—John Garfield, Jennifer Jones. "We Were Strangers" is about a revolution in Cuba. The individuals are chiefly, Jennifer Jones and John Garfield. She joins the band on the rebound of her brother's assassination by the Porra, the brutal political epitomized by Pedro Armendariz. Garfield, posing as an American only to cloak his Cuban birth, is the leader of a group with which the drama particularized itself.

## NOTICE

Navy Exchange clothing section has a complete range of sizes available in officers' blue serge and gabardine uniforms. Extra uniform pants are also available.





# Netters Whip FasRon 8 To End Play With 5-1 Record

## Fuller's 21 Points Lead Scoring

Although a single's match had to be foregone because of the absence of players, Oak Knoll's tennis team was given the nod over FasRon 8, Alameda in a 12ND tennis match Wednesday, 28 June, when they scored a smashing 10 to 0 victory over the Alamedans on the loser's home court.

LTJG's H. G. Fuller and S. R. Easter, after taking singles matches from their opponents, combined talents to win the doubles, 8-7 and 6-3, and cinch the victory for the locals.

E. J. Copiel, ADC, was disposed of easily by Fuller, 6-2 and 6-2, and C. B. Castro, SD1, was taken into camp by Easter 6-4, 6-2 to begin the rout.

The same four met in the doubles because one of the FasRon 8 players was also unable to attend.

The match was the last scheduled for the Knollites, but they still have a game to make up with NAS, Alameda, and EMS, Treasure Island. Alameda is currently tied with Treasure Island for the lead in the 12ND race, and if Oak Knoll could win the game, they would be assured of finishing in at least a tie for second place. Alameda and T. I. have each won six without losing, while Oak Knoll has a record of five wins and one loss.

Whether beaten or not by Alameda, the Knollites will finish no lower than third in the standings, a fine achievement for their first year in the league.

Fuller, now transferred from this

compound, led the Knollites, garnering 21 points in the matches and suffering only one defeat. Edward Mathews, MACH, also transferred, was second, with fifteen in the five games he played, and Captain George, never defeated in play, was third with 13. LTJG S. R. Easter and CDR Milton Kurzrok rounded off the scoring for the Knollites with 5 and 2 respectively.

The Knollites began the season with a rush by taking the first three matches they played, downing Mare Island 10 to 3, NAS, Oakland, 7 to 6, and shutting out the Treasure Island Marines 13 to 0. Treasure Island then imposed the only defeat given the locals, dropping them 6 to 7. From that point until the end, it was easy for the locals as they dropped NAS, Moffett Field 10 to 3 and FasRon 8, Alameda, 10 to 0.

## Jungers Gets 3 in 4 As Presidio Wins

ENS Margaret Jungers, second sacker for the Oak Knoll Nurses, went on a one-woman hitting spree Wednesday afternoon to drive out three solid singles in four trips to the plate, drive in one run, score one herself, and play a fine defensive game at the keystone sack to highlight the softball game with the Presidio WAC's on the local diamond.

Although Jungers' gave the best performance of how to "hit 'em where they ain't," Kempke, chucker for the WAC's, gave a fine performance of how to hit 'em where they can't get by, driving out two long home runs, the first to deep left field, and the second to left center.

Beaten 23 to 2 in their first encounter with the league-leading WAC's, the Nurses showed definite improvement.

**Score Two Runs**

Three successive singles in the last half of the fourth by ENS Dorothy Barry, catcher for the losers, Jungers and Drummonds, left fielder, and an error to put LT Frances Kissinger, chucker, on first produced two runs for the locals with the bases loaded, and a rally threatening, but a force at second of Kissinger ended it before it could gather headway.

Final run for the Nurses came in the last inning when ENS Mary Duhamel, playing first, got life and went to second when the third sacker overthrew first. Advanced to third by an infield out, she scored on Jungers' third hit of the game.

ENS Faye J. Slate, regular first baseman for the Nurses, was lost to the team for a few games when she sprained her ankle severely in a mix-up at the initial sack during the second inning.

# Johnson's 3-Run Double Beats USS Manchester 7-6

## Loaded Bags Cleared By Last-Inning Hit

Claude Johnson banged a three-run double in the last half of the seventh inning Wednesday afternoon to push the Oak Knoll Pirates into a 7 to 6 victory over the USS Manchester on the local diamond.

Johnson's game-winning double came with the bases loaded and the visitors on the long end of a 6 to 4 score. Charley Stevenson led off the inning with a walk, Charley Young popped to the shortstop, but then Bob Worsham and George Schroder both garnered singles to fill the bases and set the stage for Johnson's moment of glory.

The blow was Johnson's second of the game and third for the Bucs. In the fourth inning, Schroder parked one high on the hillside in almost dead center field and Johnson followed to drive Schroder across with the first Pirate tally.

**Errors Costly for Both Teams**

Errors figured heavily in the game as only two of the six runs for the losers were earned off Pirate hurler Steve Tamborski and four of the seven gathered by the locals were earned from Kais, chucker for the Manchester nine. Seven miscues were made by the Pirates and three by the losers.

In spite of the fact that he'd given a pint of blood that morning, Tamborski was his usual self, giving up only 8 hits and 2 walks, but sending seven of the opposing batsmen back to the dugout via the strike-out route.

Heads-up fielding by the Pirates in the second inning cut down what could have been the tying run. With no one gone, King, first sacker for the losers, slammed a long ball past Johnson in left field. Johnson ran back, got the ball, and heaved to Young, who relayed it to Bill Mullens at third to cut down King, who was trying to stretch his double into a triple.

OAK KNOLL					USS MANCHESTER				
	AB	H	R	PO	AB	H	R	PO	A
Stevenson, c	2	0	1	7	1	Christy, 2b	4	0	1
Young, ss	4	1	0	1	2	Rife, 3b	3	1	3
Worsham, cf	3	1	2	3	0	Lembach, ss	4	2	0
Schroder, 1b	4	2	2	6	0	Reynolds, cf	4	0	0
Johnson, lf	3	2	0	1	1	King, 1b	4	2	0
Daniels, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	Bright, lf	4	1	0
Schnieder, rf	3	0	0	0	0	Sasser, c	3	0	0
Mullens, 3b	2	0	1	2	1	Anderson, rf	4	1	0
Tamborski, p	3	1	1	0	12	Kais, p	4	1	0
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## Ware, Nugent Give Golfers Needed Lift

The Oak Knoll golf team took two matches from two of the toughest teams in the league 14 and 20 June to run their season's record to a even won four, lost four, and tied one. Moffett Field, whom they tied earlier in the season, was defeated on June 9 to 6 and Treasure Island, who took the locals 14 to 1 earlier, was let down 8 to 7.

Two newcomers to the team, LT Bob Ware, a transferee from Mare Island, and Henry Nugent, of 64A acted as needed impetus for the Knollites. Both came through in spectacular fashion to aid the local cause; Ware by carding a 74 in the Moffett Field match to sweep three points, and Nugent by carding an 82 and an 82 to take 2½ and 2 points.

**Takes Mare Island Tourney**

Nugent took the Mare Island All Service Golf Tournament, defeating the man who'd won the 12ND All Navy tournament in the 54-hole medal tournament.

In the two games, LTJG J. W. Cross seemingly broke the evil spell under which he'd been playing to card twin 86's for 2½ points in each contest. Captain G. H. Ekblad chose the right opponent and made his 8 good for one point in the Moffett Field match, but LTJG J. Test made the wrong man and his 88 went for naught.

The golf team still has five games to play, and while their chances of winning the crown are purely mathematical, they could upset the standings easily with the new-found talent available.

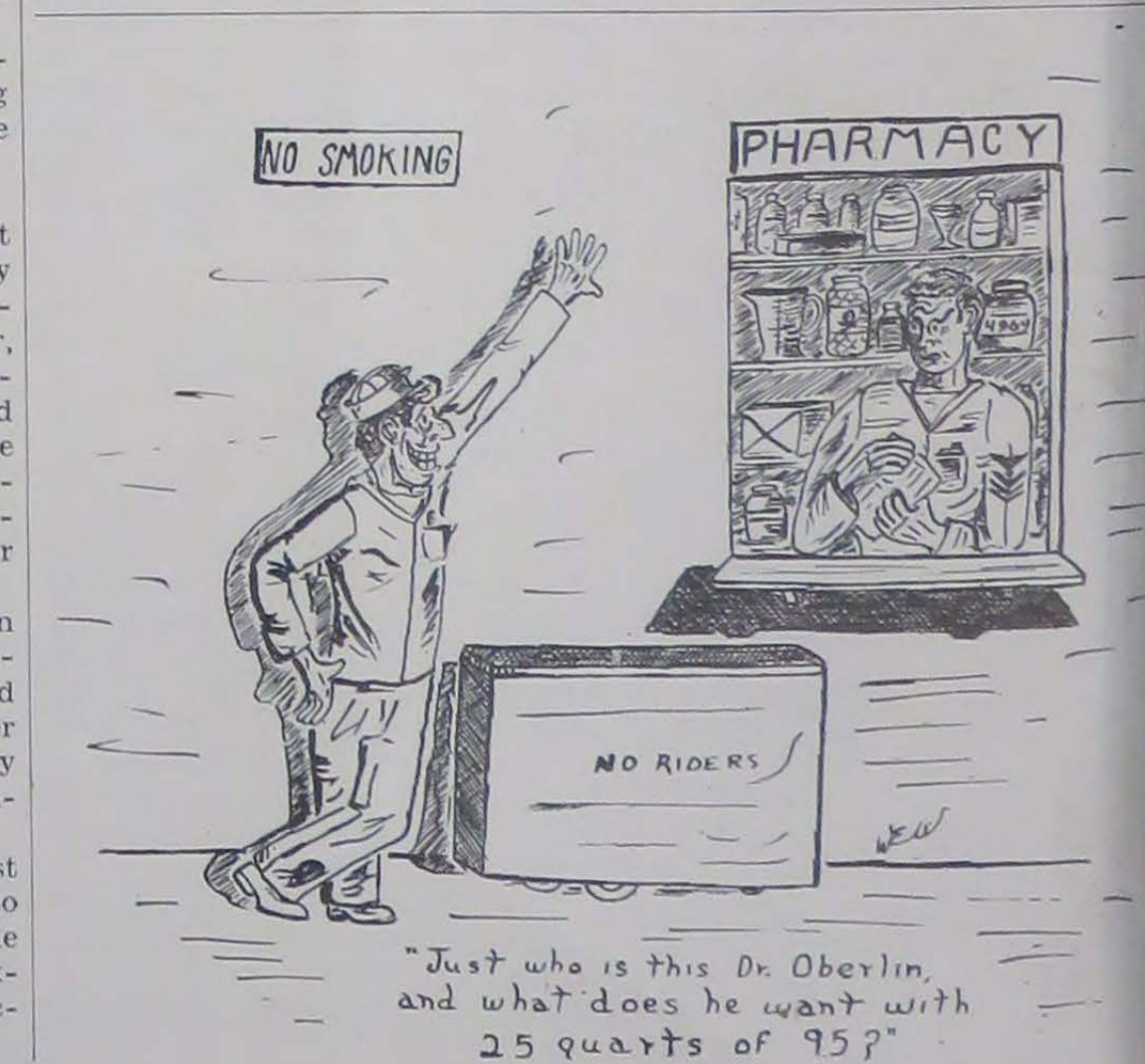
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LTJG Naomi Jene Lund

## LTJG Lund Is Hospital's First Feminine Intern

Oak Knoll's first woman intern, an attractive blonde from the University of Minnesota, reported aboard on 1 July. She is LTJG Naomi Jene Lund, currently assigned to Pediatrics.

Dr. Lund was born in Lundville, Montana, a small town named for her father, Einar A. Lund, who built and ran the first store there. Soon after her birth, the family, which included four girls and three boys, moved to Wolf Point, Montana, where the future doctor attended high school and began to formulate plans for a medical career.

Rotating through the departments as all interns do, Dr. Lund will have a well-rounded experience here. Whichever service she happens to be working on is her favorite, and for that reason, she has no plans as yet for a specialty. She began her college work at St. Olaf's College in Minnesota but after one year there, transferred to Minnesota U. for pre-med and medical studies.

"No one was more surprised than I was when the Navy approved my application for a commission," Dr. Lund said this week as she expressed satisfaction at being in the service and particularly at Oak Knoll.

Off-duty, the attractive doctor reads, studies, and does the thousand and one other things every woman finds to occupy spare moments. And she likes fresh-water fishing. "Salt water fishing," she says, "is out—at least until I get a chance to try it!"

## Admiral Boone To Arrive Soon For Inspection

Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, MC, USN, General Inspector of Navy Medical Department activities, will arrive in the Bay Area on 17 July to inspect 12ND medical installations. Oak Knoll will serve as headquarters for the Admiral and his party during their two-week stay in the district. Other activities to be inspected are those in the Vallejo district, Naval Air Station, Alameda; Naval Station, Treasure Island; Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, and Naval Air Station, Moffett Field.

The inspection will give the Admiral an opportunity to appraise the entire organization of this hospital and neighboring dispensaries.

Tentative schedule for the inspection here is as follows:

Tuesday, 18 July: Medical Service, Dependents' Service, Neuro-psychiatry, Laboratories, Pharmacy, Cross Index System, Dental Department, and Libraries. The same day the General Inspector's assistant will inspect the Administrative Assistant's Office, Maintenance Division, Security, and MAA.

Wednesday, 19 July: Surgical Service, Urology, EENT, Physiotherapy, Radiology, Red Cross, and Recreation Facilities, Commissary department, and Personnel Office.

Thursday, 20 July: Storerooms, Maintenance, Nurses' Quarters, Hospital Corps Quarters, Commissary, Finance, Pharmacy, Ward Locker cabinets, narcotic records, Collection Agent.

Following inspections at other activities in the area, Admiral Boone will return here and spend 27 July conducting a complete inspection of the hospital.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Just before departing for a new assignment, LTJG Kenneth D. Gaver, MCR, USNR, one of the staff's most eligible bachelors, claimed ENS Ruth A. Cunha, NC, USN, as his bride. The couple were married Saturday at 1600 in the Station Chapel with LCDR R. F. McComas, CHC, USN, officiating at a double ring ceremony. They were attended by ENS Emma L. Nero, NC, USN, and LTJG Konstantin Geocaris, MC, USN, who appear with them in the picture above.

The bride was indoctrinated into the Navy Nurse Corps here, reporting 1 January 1950, and Dr. Gaver had been a member of the staff since 1 April 1950. Both are Californians, the bride from Newman, near Fresno, and the groom from Santa Barbara. Following a brief honeymoon in this area, they motored south to the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Santa Ana, where he awaits transportation overseas.

## 100 Staff Men Advanced In Rate From HA To HN

Exactly 100 Oak Knoll HA's were advanced to HN as a result of the tests given on 6 July. The rates are effective as of 1 July. Following are the names and grades of those promoted.

4.0: T. R. Forrest.

3.8: Edward C. Brown, David W. Gerlits, Luther G. Borton, Jr., and C. P. Goddard.

3.6: J. R. Allen, J. D. Hodges, M. L. Crotzer, W. I. Nelson, Jr., B. Y. Fonsworth, C. B. Romero, D. R. Selberg, H. G. Coleman, H. H. Mangum, and D. B. Durall.

3.4: K. E. Monson, K. R. Ellis, E. Estrada, R. W. Abels, W. E. Commean, A. J. Hanson, B. L. Nelson, J.

W. Bennett, B. T. Cooper, W. H. Jones, D. Rutenmeyer, J. Vandenberg, G. J. Cavanaugh, M. E. Graham, D. A. Morrison, and R. J. Underwood.

3.2: J. H. Boster, J. F. Fisher, John Huff, R. D. Light, L. F. Prescott, R. E. Randall, Robert Thompson, R. L. Worsham, Johnnie Brown, J. R. Freeman, A. L. Johnson, T. R. McClure, R. E. Leitner, L. G. Saalman, S. Tomasello, G. A. Zilch, J. S. Chaney, George Garcia, E. F. Kelley, C. V. Mercer, Jr., W. P. O'Brien, G. V. B. Sloan, L. E. Wallace, D. C. Bailey, B. I. Carpenter, J. R. Preddy, R. A. Hillman, W. S. Sellers.

3.0: George Schroder, C. R. Branch, R. L. Daugherty, Robert L. Megham,

W. O. Stephens, R. L. Bates, J. S. McCollum, L. G. Miller, G. A. Widner, E. Cardenas, A. F. McCormick, Jr., G. L. Mulnix.

2.8: O. Breedlove, Jr., R. L. Gallucci, A. G. Martin, A. H. Figueroa, J. A. Harkness, J. G. Scott, M. E. Fulwider, F. E. Hughs, G. H. Snyder, R. L. Scott, W. C. McHargue, G. A. Bausley.

2.6: E. O. Foster, G. Anderson, D. L. Sanders, W. L. Barnes, E. L. Dawson, D. R. Lehman, B. G. Norman, M. D. Kyzer, W. D. Bowen, W. F. Gaston, B. J. Lawry, H. J. Owens, D. M. Adamson, R. G. Carter, C. R. Harlan, Q. R. Mashburn, and S. Salas.



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## A "Well Done" For Staff Surgeons

My Dear Captain Cook:

When a woman brushes a tear from her eyes in gratitude—it is sincere.

It is amazing to feel so well within a short time after two operations. However, I attribute the rapid recovery to the delicate surgical skill of Captain Chapman and the interest of Captain Dickinson.

Captain Rubin was most cooperative in admitting me to your hospital, and Captain Abernethy was my "good doctor" during the month of May.

You have every reason to be proud of the above four excellent surgeons with you.

A salute, Commandant.

Sincerely,

MRS. C. V. CONLAN.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Americans are known for good sportsmanship. We like to participate in sports. We like to win or to have our team or party win. As far as manners are concerned, it is the loser who has the opportunity of showing the qualities of a gentleman.

When Lincoln was inaugurated as President of the United States, his Democratic rival, Stephen Douglas, was on the stand near him. The newly-elected president could find no place to put down his high, black hat. Mr. Douglas took it and said, "If I can't be President, I can at least hold his hat." That kind of sportsmanship we all applaud. We ought to imitate it, too.

We assume that any game is played according to the rules, that we are honest in keeping score, and that there is no "shady" work connected with it. Anger and foul language are the obvious marks of a vulgar person. We ought to commend an opponent's good shot and make no unkind remark when a mistake is made. That is sportsmanship.

FRANCIS JOHN KLASS,  
LCDR CHC, U.S.N.

## Welcome and Farewell

The staff of this hospital was decreased by seven this week when fifteen persons were transferred and only eight reported aboard. Those transferred were: To civil life, Ens Ethel M. T. Johnson, LTJG's Rex C. Belisle, Marion G. Robinson, John F. Test, Robert C. Meek, James G. Ferguson, Robert J. Ridenour; to El Toro, California, LTJG Kenneth D. Gaver and CDR John F. McCabe; to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, LTJG Chester J. Klein, LCDR Charles K. Holloway and CDR Harold A. Streit; to Naval Medical Center, Guam, Ens Betty L. Taylor and Ens Esther M. Thompson; LCDR Robert F. McComas, CHC, to San Juan, Puerto Rico; CDR John S. Shaver, to USNH, Chelsea, Massa-

chusetts; LT Harry C. Barton, to USS General A. E. Anderson, LT Harriet Shaw, to NAS, San Diego; and LTJG Robert Maher, to Coronado, California.

Reporting aboard were Captain John W. Rogers, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; LTJG Richard E. Lair, Indiana Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana; LTJG James E. Sparks, Madison, Wisconsin; Sherman C. Meyers, from Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota; Fred R. Holzworth, St. Lukes Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Lewis W. Knight, Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana; Richard V. Hickman, City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and Edward C. Mancil, HM2, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

## Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

## Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

## Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### YOU'RE INVITED

Don't forget the special stamp meeting and exhibit scheduled for next Monday evening at 1900 at the Red Cross Craft Shop. Unusual stamp collections will be exhibited and refreshments served. See you there!

### V.F.W. WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES TO COME TWICE WEEKLY

The 14th District of V.F.W. have extensive plans for assisting in the hospital recreation program. This district comprises Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Mrs. Maxine Allredge, District President, and Mrs. Mable Walker, District Hospital Chairman, are making arrangements for a group of volunteers to present ward programs each Monday and Friday evenings throughout the year. These will vary from entertainment units to bingo and other games. We welcome this new group with their ambitious program.

### KITTEN TO KIDDIES

MR. HARVEY FISHEL, veteran on 46B, received an eleven-week-old Siamese kitten recently, to take home to his little daughters who live in Folsom, California. The kitten was the gift of Mrs. Schroeder from Oakland, who called the Oakland Red Cross Chapter to offer several kittens to patients at this hospital. Mrs. Fishel and the children were thrilled to receive such a lovely pet.

### NEW ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

A group of amateur entertainers under the direction of Mrs. Lenore Ratto of Oakland have visited the hospital on two occasions. This personable group of young people have received considerable favorable comment from the patients and we are happy to announce the entertainers expect to present a show once every month. An accordion player, an impersonator, a popular singer and a baritone have made up the units appearing recently. Hearty congratulations for their interest and sincere efforts.

### LUCK'S PICKING UP

With two fishing trips under their belts, the hopeful Isaac Waltons of Oak Knoll are looking for better catches each time, as the big runs are just getting underway. JESSE ALLEN, AOC, 42A, hit the high point for the biggest fish taken on the first trip. Several vied for honors the second trip. Striped bass and an occasional salmon provide the opposition, with an occasional booby prize going for catfish, or bullheads as they are "knowned in these here parts."

The sixty-five foot Falcon, Queen of the Sports' Fishing Fleet, continues to provide these trips with every luxury. One phenomenon that we have noticed is that patients don't come home from these trips with green gills.

### PUZZLES GALORE

A new supply of jig-saw puzzles has just arrived at the Red Cross Recreation Office. In fact, there is such a variety of them and so many of them that all puzzle fans can now select and choose to their heart's content.

## Fourth of July Flowers Bring Cheer to Wards

Almost as exciting as fireworks were the two truckloads of red and white carnations and roses that were delivered here on 3 July for distribution to all wards. The flowers were gift of Eden Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League of which Mrs. June Yoshioka is chairman.

Members of the Red Cross staff assisted with distribution of the flowers.

## Station Course Will Start Practice Soon!

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

2 July

WILKERSON, Robert Michael, to wife of Nully B. Wilkerson, AL3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

GRAMANN, James Howard, to wife of Alden E. Gramann, AMC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

CHILDERS, Gail Marie, to wife of Charles Childers, AOC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

CLARK, Douglas Fred, to wife of Erick Clark, CPL, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

BEIHN, Samuel, to wife of Guadelup Beihn, AD3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

3 July

STROMQUIST, Gayle Leslie, to wife of Wilbur Stromquist, TMC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

MORIN, Michele Lea, to wife of Richard Morin, CSC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

COLEMAN, Robert Wayne, to wife of Robert Lee Coleman, RD3, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

BALTAZAR, Baby Girl, to wife of Thomas Baltazar, SD2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

BUTLER, John Kenneth Jr., to wife of John Butler, 2nd Lt, USMC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

4 July

BANKERT, Barbara Ann, to wife of Cecil Bankert, SN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

PERRY, Susan, to wife of Walter Perry, Lt., 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

5 July

FLYNN, Patricia Lee, to wife of Robert Flynn, LCDR, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

PAGE, Baby Girl, to wife of Arthur Page, SD2, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

LADRIDO, Santina Marie, to wife of Pedro Ladrado, TN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

DEMCHAK, Mariechen Annette Elizabeth, to wife of William Demchak, EN2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

6 July

VARNER, Sharron Elaine, to wife of Emmett Varner, CE3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

MCCONNELL, Patricia Lee, to wife of Beverly Charles McConnell, AD, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

STONE, Frank Dean, to wife of Frank Stone, ALAN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

LUNDE, Baby Boy, to wife of Henry Lund, YN2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

SUDDUTH, Robert Lee, to wife of George Sudduth, AD1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

7 July

HILL, Baby Girl, to wife of James Hill, CH CARP, 6 pounds.

ORCUTT, Susan Rae, to wife of Frank Orcutt, SA, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

ROSS, Donna Grace, to wife of Donald Ross, YN3, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

ROYCRAFT, Sandra Lee, to wife of Ernest Roycraft, Lt, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

KEY, Barbara Ann, to wife of John Key, CS2, 11 pounds, 4 ounces.

DYLE, Deborah Jean, to wife of Harold Dyle, M/Sgt, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

MADDEN, Sherry Rance, to wife of Curtis Madden, SD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

8 July

WATTS, Philip Sydney, to wife of Paul Watts, AT, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

RIDENOUR, Nancy Ann, to wife of Robert Ridenour, LTJG, 7 pounds.

LETTWIN, Daryl Lynne, to wife of Harold Lettwin, Lt, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Watch  
Plan of the Day  
or Call  
Chaplain Hester  
for Details



## Who's Who . . .

The hobby of James S. McCollum, HA on 70A, is one many wish for but few attain—"going out with women." Whether this is his favorite and only hobby, or whether it is used only when other activities become too boring to be borne longer was undisclosed, but certain it is that he will be able to obtain stand-bys easily enough.



McCollum was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, four years ago and has lived there since. It was there he enlisted in the Navy on 9 June 1949 to come to Oak Knoll. He arrived here on 9 February.

Gerald A. Zilch, HA in the Catholic Chaplain's office, joined the Navy in his native St. Louis, Missouri, to see the world and learn to be a

corpsman. He has now learned to be a corpsman, he says, but the naval world, so far as he is concerned, is confined to San Diego and Oakland, more specifically, Boot

Camp, Balboa Hospital, and Oak Knoll Hospital.

Jerry joined the Navy on 6 July 1948 and arrived at this base on 8 January 1949. He is the regular first baseman for the Peons, but has been playing third base since the absence of the regular third sacker.

"My hobby is my little blue Ford, named Blue Bell," says Jack C. Nicholl, DT3. And with a hobby like that, it is only natural that his favorite recreational activities should be "everything, but good at nothing."



Jack came to this base in November of 1949 after joining the Navy in his home town of Salt Lake City, Utah, on 14 May 1948 and surviving the rigors of life at Boot Camp. Before going to Corps School, he tried a stint of duty as a Bos'n Mate Seaman, but got wise to himself in time and switched to the Hospital Corps.

After his discharge from the Navy, Frederick W. Lake, Jr., plans to attend the University of California for the purpose of carrying on his medical activities,

with an eye to becoming a doctor. Currently on duty at the OPD admission desk, the young HN has already acquired several helpful hints in clinical work

and expects to find college work much easier because of this training.

Lake was born in Sacramento, California, and joined the Navy in San Francisco on 7 March 1949.

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

Because of a combination of evil influences in downtown Oakland on the night of 5 July (that and the feeling of celebration which overwhelmed my easily-persuaded body) I was fifteen minutes late with my copy for this column last week. This column, naturally being the most thoroughly read space in the paper, the editor, after drying his tears, said I might continue writing it. I'm sorry for the slight delay, and promise to get my copy in on time hereafter. (Every week except those which have holidays or week-ends.)

Walter "Nature Boy" Zeigler, of Welfare and Recreation, was seen a few days ago swimming quite gracefully around the confines of the pool. His form and speed were exceptional, considering the fact that he had on a grey "gabardine" suit, shoes, hat, etc. . . . somebody must've dropped a nickel in.

R. Hinton, 73B, announces that he is going to invent a machine which, when you insert a dime, will produce a new wife. No doubt he'll make millions. But on the other hand, Jack Vandenberg, he of 41B, is working on a machine which, when you insert a wife, will produce a dime. Is there any doubt as to who'll make much, much more?

G. R. Ford, of Educational Services, pulls no punches when he says he likes the City of Oakland, especially the area around 12th street . . . or is it 7th? Oh, well, every man to his own street.

L. T. Florio, who hails from this state, was overheard the other day boasting of the rich soil of California. "It hasn't got a thing on Georgia soil," replied Holbrook, a true rebel. "Georgia soil is so rich that when we feed the chickens they either have to catch it on the fly or eat it off the stalk!"

What they are saying about the recent Service-Wide 3rd class exam:

"I didn't take the test," says J. L. Graves. "It took me." From Sudbeck, of CSR, "If they examine that Seaman's Test closely, they'll send me back to Boot Camp." What I liked about the test was the part when the instructor said they didn't send many non-rated men overseas. Ten men put their hats on and prepared to leave for parts unknown. (Me and nine other guys.)

Such conversations as are carried on at the laundry between R. E. M. and D. W. S. Tch, tch, such language.

A. G. Coleman, of 49B, has a problem: He has a chance to marry a very beautiful girl without a cent to her name, or he can marry a very homely girl who has in the neighborhood of two million dollars. Now his problem is this: Where can he invest two million dollars!

A. N. Daw, HM2, lost a Ronson windproof cigarette lighter in front of the Administration Building the other day and wants it back very badly. "It isn't the monetary value," he asserts, "but my wife gave it to me, and will never forgive me if it is lost. Besides, she thinks I hocked it to get in a crap game." Anyone finding and returning the lighter will be given a reward.



LCDR R. F. McComas (right), Senior Chaplain here since 22 January 1949, left this week to assume his new duties as chaplain at the Naval Station at San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he will relieve CDR Paul Dreith, who is expected to report for duty here as his relief. Filling in for the new senior chaplain is LCDR James D. Hester (left), who was ordered here while waiting to begin a year's post graduate work at the University of California. LCDR McComas made an outstanding record here as chaplain, Navy Relief Representative, and as chairman of a number of drives such as Red Cross, March of Dimes, and Community Chest. He also served as player-coach on the softball and basketball teams. He was commissioned on 10 April 1942, married on 10 September 1945, and has two daughters, Elizabeth 3, and Janet, born here last 10 April.



## Noted Social Workers Hold Discussion Here

Miss Gertrude Wilson and Miss Gladys Ryland, Professors in the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, now teaching in summer session at the University of California at Berkeley, met with the Red Cross staff at the Officers' Club last Wednesday evening. The Red Cross staff from Letterman Hospital and Miss Christina Moir and Miss Ruth Wolff from Pacific Area Red Cross office, San Francisco, were guests. The subject for discussion was "The Value of Recreation and Group Work in a Medical Program."

The University of Pittsburgh has, at the present time, a graduate student field placement service in recreation group work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Miss Wilson and Miss Ryland are co-authors of the recent, widely-known book entitled "Social Group Work Practice" and are nationally recognized authorities in community organization and group work. Miss Wilson is a psychiatric social worker.

## "Miss Government Girl" To Be Chosen by NFFE

Want to be "Miss Government Girl," get a lot of publicity and prizes? Then read this! First you have to be a member of the National Federation of Federal Employees (Mrs. Anna P. Stone, Collection Agent, is secretary of the local branch of the organization and can tell you all about this).

Next you have to be between 18 and 26 or look like it and submit an 8x10 glossy print to prove it. The picture must show you in a bathing suit. It must be mailed almost immediately to W. E. Truckman, NFFE, P. O. Box 85, Los Angeles 53. Last date entries can be postmarked is 20

## PREVIEWS



Sunday, 16 July

LOUISE—Ronald Reagan, Ruth Hussey. A highly amusing and entertaining story of the Reagan-Hussey household life when Reagan's widowed mother comes to stay with them and finds love and companionship with a local grocer, much to the astonishment of all members of the household. Universal, 85 minutes.

Monday, 17 July

RED LIGHT—George Raft, Virginia Mayo. This movie starts off rather ominously and portentously and even shows signs of going somewhere, but a weak script soon puts George Raft to sea and the tale bogs down into a routine 'cops and robbers' opus with the old chestnut about a man trying to avenge his brother's murder again being brought into use. United Artists, 83 minutes.

Tuesday, 18 July

THE CARIBOU TRAIL—Randolph Scott, Gabby Hayes. After struggling for several drought-ridden years on a ranch in Montana, Jim (Randolph Scott) and his partner take the remains of their herd and set out for British Columbia. Enroute, they encounter numerous obstacles to provide embellishments to an otherwise dull tale, but righteousness prevails to a happy ending. Fox, 81 minutes.

Wednesday, 19 July

FALL IN THE SADDLE—John Wayne, Ella Raines. This is a reissue western which does no stretch its material unduly and both humorous and exciting incidents are integrated indiscriminately. RKO, 87 minutes.

Thursday, 20 July

JOHNNY ONE-EYE—Pat O'Brien and Wayne Morris. Pat O'Brien, a wealthy, retired gangster, shoots a thug in a scuffle and is forced to hide from a politically ambitious District Attorney who is searching for him in connection with his former rackets. While hiding out, he meets Johnny One-Eye, a nondescript pup, and the pup's mistress, Gayle Reed, and develops a warm, Runyonesque friendship for the pair. United Artists, 78 minutes.

Friday, 21 July

STARS IN MY CROWN—Joel McCrea, Ellen Drew. The human relationship in a small, southern town soon after the Civil War with the focus on church, school and home and the accent on a militant pastor and a young doctor who learns to be a real country doctor. MGM, 89 minutes.

Saturday, 22 July

TASK FORCE—Gary Cooper, Wayne Morris. This is a magnificent picture which tells the story of the development and battle success of the aircraft carriers by showing the career of one Navy pilot, Gary Cooper. Warner Bros., 115 minutes.

July—the contest is being held in connection with the Federation's Annual Convention.





## Veteran Players Out For Hoop Practice

Basketball practice on the outdoor courts began Monday afternoon when six men reported for the first session under Joe Reginato, athletic director.

Last year, Pirate hoopsters finished the season's play with an anemic, won six, lost eighteen, record, against all comers, but the record doesn't say anything about the obstacles the players had to hurdle before they could play.

With the manpower situation critically short, the men were forced to provide their own standbys before attending games, and practices were held wherever and whenever the players could get together and by the few who were able to attend. Never at any one practice were there more than eight players; so the team had to forego all hope of any offensive or defensive drill against a full five.

The manpower situation isn't much better this year, but it is hoped that all the men will be able to get together on the same watch so practices and games can be scheduled.

Bob Cooper, center last year, will be returning and will have the edge in the middle position. Fireball Bob Worsham, who set a season's scoring mark with 22 against Mare Island Shipyards in the final game, will be back at a guard's slot and with Paul Harmer, transferred from Mare Island, should sew up the back court. C. A. "Ace" Johnson, fair-shooting forward prized for his heads-up play, will also be back.

Practices on the outdoor courts begin at 1300. Tennis shoes may be checked out at Welfare and Recreation, but uniforms will not be given out until shortly before the season opens.

## Chiefs Stop CSR; Lead League by 1½

The five-game win streak of CSR was stopped Wednesday night just where it began, against the Chief Petty Officers. After dropping everyone in the league one time, the men of George Schroder began playing like their usual selves and came in on the short end of a 10 to 3 score to let the Chiefs pull 1½ games in front of the Officers, their nearest contestants for first place.

CSR's schedule this week included a 17 to 6 drubbing of the revamped Officers' team and an 11 to 5 defeat of the Administration Building team. In all five games, they looked like a ball club instead of nine men on a grassy field. Their hitting was solid and timely, their fielding was smart and sure, and Elmer Kitagawa, their chucker, had opposing batsmen breaking their backs trying to hit his fluttering offerings.

During the win streak, Joe Chart-rand, third-sacker who pitched creditable ball for 42½ innings in the Chiefs' game, pulled three unassisted double plays and had the hot corner completely secured.

Paul Harmer, shortstop for the N.P. Techs, boomed out the first grand-slam home run Tuesday afternoon to provide the margin of a 12 to 8 victory against the Officers and send that team into a hole from which they may never emerge in time to cop the pennant. His blow came in the second inning after the bases had filled on a hit batter and two walks.

In beating CSR, the Chiefs didn't extend themselves at all, nor was the game in doubt after the first inning. Three runs were scored in both the first and fourth innings and four in the second on a total of six hits to let the league leaders coast in. CSR never got started with any degree of earnestness.

## Knoll Swimmers Needed To Compete in Match

Oak Knoll for the first time, will enter a Swimming and Diving meet, Coach Joe Reginato announced this week — if enough men can be found who are willing to participate.

The meet, the Bay Area Armed Forces Swimming and Diving Championships, is to be held at the NAS, Alameda pool on 4 August. All the races will be short, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard breast-stroke and 100-yard back-stroke besides the 150-yard medley relay for three men and the 200-yard free-style relay for four men. The only diving will be on the three-meter board.

Those interested in participating in the contest are urged to contact Joe Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation offices. Competition will be against all services in the Bay Area, and points for the meet will go toward the Commandant's Trophy.

## Halladay Loses Tight Game

### Zilch Hits Homer, But Peons Still Bested 3-2, By Alameda PacResFlt

A seventh inning, bases-empty home run by Gerald Zilch went for nothing Tuesday afternoon when the Pacific Reserve Fleet of Alameda scored two unearned and one earned runs in the second inning to coast to 3 to 2 conquest of the Peons on the winners' home diamond.

Barney Halladay, chucking for the Peons with Oscar Lindblad sidelined with an injured back, was in almost continuous hot water, but pitched himself out in every instance. In the six innings he worked, he gave up eight hits, struck out four and walked two. The rest, when the going got rough, he forced to hit infield.

The winning runs were scored in the bottom half of the second inning. Clanet, first sacker for the Reservists, led off with a single to right and went to second on a passed ball. The next two men went down, but then Riddle, second baseman, blooped a double into right field to chase him across. Even the pitcher, Martinez, decided to hit then, and he sent a grass-cutter back through the box into center field which got beyond the fielder to let Riddle score and Martinez circle the sacks with what proved to be the winning run.

Until the third inning, the Peons couldn't dent the offerings of Martinez. Catcher C. A. Johnson then sliced a clean single to right to break up the no-hitter.

Only one hit, a single to right by C. A. Johnson in the third, was given by Martinez until the sixth inning when the Peons at last broke into the scoring column. Johnson drew a base on balls to open the frame and advanced to third when Bob Worsham slapped a double down the right field foul line. Hank Mitchell, given the orders for a squeeze bunt, blooped a ball between the pitcher and second baseman which fell for a single to score Johnson.

Al Boucha, right fielder, walked to load the bases, and with the count two and two on Halladay, the plate umpire called a wicked one which lost the ball game for the Peons.

Martinez tossed an inside pitch

which Halladay, in eluding, had swung at. The catcher caught the ball but in doing so, hit Halladay bat, supposedly giving Halladay first for interference. The umpire didn't see it that way, though; so Halladay was called out on strikes. If he had been given first, he'd have forced Worsham, and Zilch's home run would have come with the bases loaded and only two out.

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## Golfers Nip Marines For 3rd Straight Win

With Henry Nugent, BTC of 64½ whamming the little white pellet 7 times to put it into 18 holes and take all three points from his opponent, the Oak Knoll golfers took the Treasure Island Marines into camp to 6 Thursday, July 6, for their fifth league win and their third in a row.

This was Nugent's lowest score in the three matches he's played. His others were 80 and 82, but both were good for 2½ points which aided greatly the Knollites' winning streak.

All the locals were hitting the ball solidly in the match, but for LT Bob Ware and LTJG J. H. Spence, it was an unlucky day as their 78's earned each only one point when their opponents, Cogsdell and Tovar, respectively, carded 75 and a 77 to take two.

LTJG J. W. Cross, formerly the unluckiest man on the squad, continued to hit his usual low eighties, but in the past three matches, they have been good for 2½ points each time. Cross, by the way, had the highest score of the match, shooting an 80 to defeat Miller's 85.

When an 88 failed to collect any points in the previous match, LTJG J. Test shot a 79 to tie and split points with his opponent, Daugherty.

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Officers .....	9	4	.692	1½
N. P. Techs .....	10	5	.666	2
CSR .....	6	8	.428	5
Administration .....	4	9	.308	6½
Civilians .....	1	12	.076	9½

BATTING LEADERS				
	GP	AB	R	H
Lyons, CPO .....	9	30	17	16
Beer, Officers .....	8	31	12	16
Martin, CPO .....	10	31	14	15
Myers, N. P. Techs .....	11	39	11	17
Harmer, N. P. Techs .....	11	39	22	17

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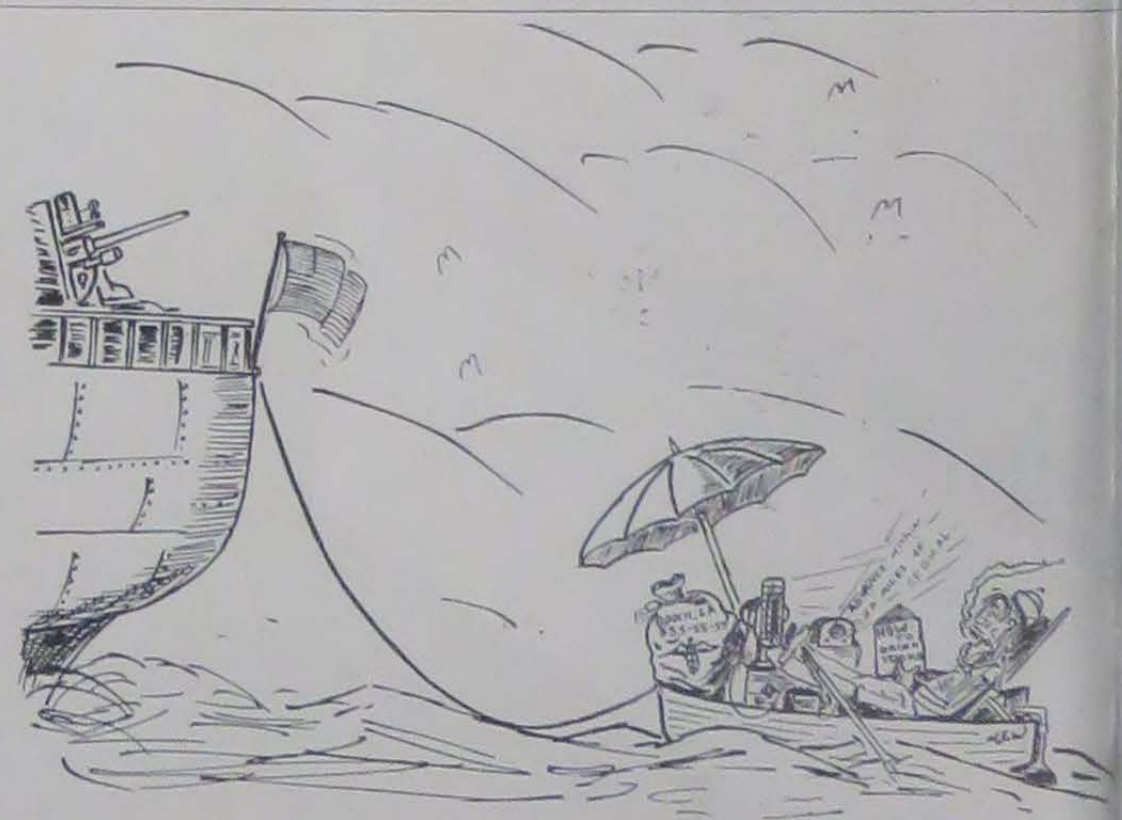
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## Reserves Wanted For MC, DC, NC

Due to the shortage of physicians, dentists and nurses to meet the present day obligations, the Surgeon General of the Navy, Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson asks that these members of the inactive Naval Reserve volunteer immediately for extended active duty. Medical and Dental officers in the ranks of Commander and below and Nurses in the ranks of Lieutenant and below will be accepted.

The recently authorized increase in the overall manpower strength of the Navy requires the services of additional Medical Department personnel to serve in the continental United States and overseas.

Members of the above reserve components volunteering for active duty should apply to the Chief of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

Qualified civilian physicians, dentists and nurses may apply for active duty in the Medical, Dental and Nurse Corps of the U. S. Naval Reserve. Physicians and dentists will be commissioned in ranks up to and including Lieutenant Commander and nurses in ranks up to and including Lieutenant, depending upon age and professional experience.

Interns in civilian hospitals are urged to apply for a commission in the rank of lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy Medical Corps Reserve and have the remainder of their intern training sponsored by the Navy. For additional information regard-

## Staff Choral Group Is Organized

The Recreation Department's newest activity got underway Wednesday when ten members of the staff met in Building 133, topside, to organize a choral group.

With Mr. Weber, University Extension Division music instructor, the singers and would-be singers made plans to meet regularly every Wednesday from 1830 to 2030. A variety of music will be offered to suit the wishes and the ability of the group. The chorus is open to all, the more the merrier.

Present at the organization meeting were ENS Gloria Rapp, NC, ENS, Emma Nero, J. E. Kilmer, HA, G. A. Zilch, HN, James Blaine, HM3, Thomas Stevens, HN, Branley Branson, HM3, William Kiser, HN, Ronald Randall, HN. LCDR J. D. Hester ChC, USN, is registering members of the choral group, and detailed information is available at his office.

## Baby Sitters Provided During Chapel Services

Baby sitting service is provided in Building 133 from 11 to 12 o'clock each Sunday so that parents may attend chapel, LCDR J. D. Hester, Protestant Chaplain, reminded the staff this week.

The nursery is located conveniently near the chapel in Building 133, Topside.

ing commissions and appointments application should be made to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement.

## Admiral Boone Inspects Hospital



Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, MC, USN, Inspector General of Navy Medical Department activities, arrived at Oak Knoll late Monday afternoon and on Tuesday morning began a three-day inspection of all services and departments of the hospital. The Admiral has served as Inspector General of Medical Department activities since early 1948. Having previously served for two years as Inspector of Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast, with additional duty as Medical Officer, Western Sea Frontier, he has been a frequent visitor to Oak Knoll and has many friends among the members of the staff.

Admiral Boone, photographed above with Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer (left) and Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN (right) is being accompanied on the tour of medical activities in the Bay Area by CDR A. F. Bigelow, MSC, USN. They will return here Wednesday for a Post inspection critique.



RADM J. T. Boone and Captain S. S. Cook were guests of the station's Chief Petty Officers in the Chief's Club Tuesday evening while the Admiral was here on his inspection tour. Present were, left to right, first row: V. S. MacKnight, J. E. Poe, C. A. Weitz, W. Hendry, L. L. Linse, O. Lomax, L. F. Betoney, R. F. Waldrop, H. R. Conrad, E. W. Rose, L. L. Edwards, L. E. Canaday, and C. O. Martin. Standing, back row, are: A. L. Green, R. L. Jackson, SDC, P. E. Boone, V. J. McCloskey, B. F. Wilson, F. H. Anderberg, K. Robinson, H. Dyle, M/Sgt. RADM J. T. Boone, W. Hasbrook, H. E. Petty, Captain S. S. Cook, J. E. Harris, DTC, W. L. Gibson, J. J. McBreath, P. Cavaiana, M. Edwards, H. Machette, C. J. Baptie, H. L. McGuire, SHC, E. A. Cannell, V. H. Churchill, and F. G. Shields. With the exception of those whose rates are given, the men are all HMC's.



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## 1st Census Figures Reveal Cities Growth

Washington (AFPS)—The following figures have been released by the Census Bureau showing the growth of the nation's largest cities in the past decade:

	1950	1940
New York	8,160,000*	7,454,995
Chicago	3,631,835	3,396,808
Philadelphia	2,100,000*	1,931,334
Los Angeles	1,954,036	1,504,277
Detroit	1,837,613	1,623,452
Baltimore	941,377	859,100
Cleveland	909,546	878,336

St Louis	852,523	816,048
Washington	792,234	663,091
Boston	788,552	770,816
Pittsburgh	(not given)	671,659
San Francisco	760,439	634,536
Milwaukee	632,938	587,472
Buffalo	576,506	575,901
New Orleans	568,407	494,537
Minneapolis	517,410	492,370
Cincinnati	499,744	455,610
Seattle	462,981	368,302

\*Not announced for 1950, but 1949 estimate was the figure given.

## Welcome and Farewell

Twenty-two members of the staff departed and eleven persons were received during the week of 12 to 19 July. Those who left the station were LT Rosa J. Delfs, to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; ENS Virginia A. Eastin, to USNH Mare Island; LTJG Konstantin Geocaris, to CNF, Far East; LTJG W. E. Mayer, to CFA, Yokosuka, Japan; LTJG Richard E. Lahr, to CGFMF, Pacific; LTJG Lewis W. Knight, to CFA, Sasebo, Japan; James H. Graham, HM1, to USNAP, Port Chicago, California; Maurice C. Smith, HM3, to USS Whidby; Forrest "D" O'Dell, HM1, to Camp Pendleton; John D. Siddall, HN, to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; Duane J. Chartrand, HM2, Stanley A. Bedard, HM2, Morris G. Neely, HM2, John

Fortuna, HM3, James C. Tinker, HN, and Bob Carpenter, HN, to Receiving Station San Francisco. To civilian life went CDR Edgar F. McCall; LTJG June M. Barthlem; LTJG's Lafe W. Bauer, Dennis W. Hardman, James N. Waggoner, and Harper Peddicord.

Reporting aboard were LT Frances A. Quebbeman, from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; Albert F. Easter, HN, Thomas W. Walsh HN, and HA's Lamont W. Foletta, Charles R. Gathings, Thomas W. Harrison, Jr., Gerald L. Hodges, Carroll R. Hull, James F. Jones, Robert E. Richardson, and George E. Slaven, all from USNH, San Diego, California.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Christmas in July? Never heard of it! Impossible!! But wait — why should we shut up the season of Christmas into a few short days? Isn't there something from Christmas which **could** carry over into July?

An ancient writer characterized the generation of his day in this way, "The Jews require a sign, the Greeks seek after wisdom." Those were troubled days and that generation sought desperately after something to which they could cling. Always at the crest of any crisis, faint hearts seek for the reassuring object or word around which they can grow their lives for security. The superstitious look for a sign, the imagined sophisticates search for a wisdom.

These are days of crisis. Faint hearts are afraid. Maybe "signs" are not all bad! In July I point you to one God-revealed "sign" right out of the heart of Christmas—The Star of Bethlehem! Fixed, immovable, it can be the "sign" in our darkened skies.

Now, as then, the Star of Bethlehem will lead us to the Anointed One, the revelation of God Himself. "The Jews require a sign, the Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach a Christ crucified."

JAMES D. HESTER  
Protestant Chaplain

## Divine Services

Protestant:  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
Catholic:  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### BEEN MISSING ANYTHING?

What's doing in Red Cross recreational activities? This question arises whenever a new patient enters this hospital. So-o-o, for your information, we are briefly listing activities available through Red Cross:

### STAMP CLUB:

Open to patients and staff. The club meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Recreation Room, second deck, Community Service Building. Mrs. Dallas is the Gray Lady in charge. She visits bed patients upon referral.

### CHESS CLUB:

Carries on a perpetual tourney throughout the hospital, at times arranged by patients or staff. Beginners and mediocre players are in the club, as well as experts. Instruction is given by outside volunteers with books and magazines loaned. Occasional outside matches. Bi-monthly chess news and rating sheet. Score chits may be handed to any Red Cross Gray Lady or staff worker. Prizes are offered.

### SOFTBALL TEAMS:

Wards 47AB, 48AB, 43 and 65A, and 64B have teams. Games and practices are scheduled throughout the week.

### LANGUAGE LESSONS:

French and German instruction Mondays and Thursdays. We hope to resume instruction in Spanish very soon.

### MUSIC LESSONS:

Piano lessons Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Voice lessons Tuesday afternoons.

### ORCHESTRA:

Patients play for dances and ward programs. Practice sessions are held in the lounge. Instruments are furnished. (We need trombone, trumpet, clarinet, and sax players.)

### HANDCRAFT:

Craft shop open every afternoon Monday through Friday; every morning except Tuesday, and also Monday evening.

### TROPICAL FISH:

Aquariums on some wards. If you would like an aquarium, see your Red Cross worker.

### DANCE CLASS:

Held each Thursday in the Recreation Lounge, 1430 to 1515 for beginners; 1515 to 1600 for the more experienced.

### GARDENING:

Gardens are adjacent to Building 31, Wards 42B, 51A, 60, 62, 64B, 66, 71, 70A-B, 75, and 77. An Oakland garden club sponsors this project.

### ART INSTRUCTION:

Every Thursday afternoon.

### FISHING TRIPS:

Held each week. Trips to San Pablo Bay or to Half Moon Bay.

### RECREATION LOUNGE,

### TOPSIDE BUILDING 132:

Open Wednesday afternoon and every evening Monday through Friday. Hostess and dance nights Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

For any of these activities, contact your Red Cross worker for details.

"Robert," said the Chief to a seaman, "If I saw a man beating a donkey and stopped him from doing so, what kind of virtue would I be showing?"

"Brotherly love," said the seaman.

## Another "Well Done"

Captain J. N. C. Gordon (MC) USN  
Executive Officer

U. S. Naval Hospital

Oakland, California

Dear Captain Gordon:

Recently my wife was admitted to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, for surgery and at your direction, Captain Dickinson, was assigned to her case.

This is to express my most sincere appreciation for the very kind, courteous, and efficient treatment accorded her by all of your staff. She is very impressed by the fine organization at the hospital.

This is very unusual from a junior to a senior but may I say "Well done"?

Sincerely,

MELVIN T. WELLS

Commander, USNR

Industrial Relations Officer

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

9 July

GUTIERREZ, Benjamin Anthony, wife of Osmundo Gutierrez, TA, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

MANKIN, Donald David, to wife of Lee Paul Mankin, LT., 8 pounds, 7½ ounces.

DAWIES, Beckie Joanne, to wife of Robert Dawies, ET3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

CONRAD, Jo Ann, to wife of Neil Conrad, AN, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

10 July

BISHOP, Rena Mae, to wife of Robert Bishop, AM1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

11 July

GALE, Denise Grace, to wife of Robert Gale, AG2, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

SINNOTT, Cindy Ann, to wife of Myles Sinnott, LT, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

COOPER, William Bert, to wife of Leonard Cooper, EM2, 9 pounds.

BERRYHILL, James Cecil, to wife of Blois Berryhill, 4 pounds, 6 ounces.

12 July

HILL, Dorothy Jean, to wife of J. C. Hill, BM3, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

JOHNSON, Richard Ray, to wife of Lee Johnson, DK1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

WEBB, Robert Eston, to wife of Robert Webb, GM3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

WILLIAMS, Robert Glenn, to wife of Robert Williams, FA, 4 pounds, 13 ounces.

13 July

SHOWALTER, Jacquelyn Gail, to wife of Jack Showalter, SK3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

NORTON, Paula Joan, to wife of Elmer Norton, BMC, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

HIGGINSON, Karen Elizabeth, to wife of Donald Higginson, 9 pounds.

McMULLEN, Stephanie Lee, to wife of John McMullen, SN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

14 July

HOLLINGSWORTH, Bedetta, to wife of William Hollingsworth, SD2, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

CHACE, Kenneth Eric, to wife of Raymond Chace, AN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

FRANKLIN, Dale Roy, to wife of Lee Franklin, RM2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

MOREHOUSE, Donn Reed, to wife of Robert Morehouse, DC2, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

15 July

GLASS, Ronald Wayne, to wife of Robert Glass, HM3, 8 pounds.

EDGINGTON, Peggy Jean, to wife of Ivan Edgington, PNG, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

MURPHY, Patricia Ann, to wife of Charles H. Murphy, ALC, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.



## Who's Who . . .

Leo P. Filion, HM3, of 70B, says he hasn't had any spare time since joining the Navy in Manchester, New Hampshire on 5 April 1948, so how could he possibly do anything in that time? Not having any spare time is a common lament among Hospitalmen, but in Filion's case, it is nothing but true. Between work, playing ball for the N.P. Technicians, women, and liberty, he doesn't have one moment to himself.



Filion arrived at this base on 7 March after spending several months with the Psychiatric Service at Mare Island.

Since joining the Navy in Boston, Massachusetts, on 13 February 1947, Stanley A. Bedard, HM2 of 79A, has seen duty at several hospitals and stations, but has never been overseas. He first had duty at Boot Camp in Bainbridge, Maryland; then Corps School training at Great Lakes; staff duty at USNH, Newport,



Rhode Island; Electroencephalography School at USNH Chelsea, Massachusetts, and finally duty at Oak Knoll, where he arrived on 22 February 1949.

Bedard is married and has a daughter, Susan Lee, 10 months old. The family lives at 4205 St. Andrews Road, Oakland.

Although born in Dawson, Georgia, Millard L. Crotzer, HA, of ward 41A, traveled extensively before settling down and joining the Navy on 1 September 1948 in Florence, South Carolina, a town near his home town of Gaffney.



He came to this base in March of 1949, and, in addition to working, he plays ball for the CSR team, swims and practices his drawing. Although he's taken no lessons on the subject, he is an ardent amateur artist.

After a cruise to Sidney, Australia, with the Maritime Service, it was natural that Melvin G. Wagstaff, HA, of 75A nights, should turn to the

Navy when his heart felt the urge to travel on land and sea. He, therefore, signed into the Navy on 27 February 1948 in his home town of Phoenix, Arizona, and at Boot Camp into the



Hospital Corps.

Since his arrival at Oak Knoll on 15 September 1948, Wagstaff has spent his spare time reading, sleeping, going on liberty, and recuperating from liberty, besides studying metaphysics and mysticism.

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By GLENN W. OBERLIN

With all the orders that have been received by personnel of this compounds during the past two weeks, it's a wonder that there's any drama-mine left anywhere on the compound. Dramamine, you'll remember, is the "miraculous cure" for seasickness, not that any of the "Caduceus Sailors" here need any, but even propaganda concerning the wide, blue ocean is nauseating to landlubbers.

For the information of W. E. Wiley, lifesaver at the pool who kills people with his cartoons, and C. A. Johnson, who puts in his time at Welfare and Recreation, the open season is for two-legged DEARS, not four-legged DEER. To those concerned, please quit chasing Bambi's relatives during off-duty hours. Suppose you managed to catch it, think of the broken hearts you'd have when you turned it loose.

Not many people are as lucky as C. R. Smith, also a lifesaver at the pool. Smitty is not forced to search high and low for any "tall, handsome man" when his girl friend unexpectedly brings along a companion. By merely clapping his hands or picking up the telephone, Smitty can have the "tall, handsome man" ready to go in a matter of minutes.

Steve Tamborski, hurler for the Pirates, gains national fame, come the first of August when the August 15th issue of Look magazine goes on the stands. Steve was a guest of Miss Pat Lance, resident of the Blue Triangle Club at 2332 Harrison Street, when the Look photographer arrived to snap pictures and gather publicity for that place. Four times the camera clicked, preparatory to sending millions of girls all over the nation into hysterics, and four times Steve smiled to show his approval of the proceedings.

There must be something in this stuff called marriage. Two more formerly happy corpsmen are wearing glum and downcast looks as a result of promising to swear eternal fidelity in something like two weeks. To J. W. Bennett and Bill Mullens, both of the Galley Corps, the best of luck, and to Moon, especially, leave your ball-playing out of the sweet nothings you whisper into her ear.

For those unobservant few on the compound, there was no clothing allotment given last payday.

A child attempted to write an essay on winter: "In the winter it is very cold and many old people die. Birds also go to a warmer climate."

## Cruiser's Bell Loaned as Memorial

San Francisco (AFPS)—The Navy has loaned to this city the ship's bell of its namesake cruiser, USS San Francisco, to form part of a memorial to officers and men of that vessel who lost their lives in the Guadalcanal battle during World War II.

As a survivor of the Nov. 12-13, 1942, naval action, the bell is to be mounted on the mast of the memorial to be erected on Point Lobos.

The shrapnel-pitted bridge wings are complete to running lights and will be embedded in a concrete

## One of "Sacred Twenty" is Patient Here



LTJG Della V. Knight, NC, USN, (Retired) happy and alert at 73, identified herself as the crisp young lady, third from left, front row, in the 42-year-old photo above, when she reminisced on Ward 66A this week. With her in the picture at right is LT Ellen A. Routsala. With her in the picture above are the 19 other members of the original "sacred 20" Navy nurses who formed the corps in 1908 when President Taft signed the bill that established it as an integral part of the Navy.

During her 22 years in the Navy—which followed three years in the Army—modest Miss Knight served in hospitals in Fort Land, Colorado; Mare Island, Annapolis, Maryland; Washington, D.C., and Guam. At the time of her retirement in 1930, she was serving as Chief Nurse at the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia.

Although she has been on the retired list for twenty years, Miss Knight has never stopped serving the Navy. During World War II, by keeping in touch with the 12ND Senior Nurse, she was able to meet practically every Navy nurse who arrived by ship, train, or plane en route to and from duty in the Pacific. She opened her San Francisco apartment to them, helped them to find lodgings, and did everything possible to make their stay pleasant. More recently she was on hand to greet Captain Winnie Gibson, when she arrived from Guam en route to Washington to assume her duties as Director of the Navy Nurse Corps.



Sunday, 23 July

WHITE TOWER — Glen Ford, Valli. Valli is the girl and she has an opportunity in a nature role to show how and why she was one of Europe's top stars. She also takes another stride on the road which may make her one of Hollywood's best attractions. Here she is the daughter of an Italian mountain climber who was killed attempting to scale the White Tower. After the war she has returned determined to scale the White Tower.

Monday, 24 July

FATHER WAS A FULLBACK — Fred MacMurray, Maureen O'Hara (Replay). No available information.

Tuesday, 25 July

IN A LONELY PLACE—Humphrey Bogart. The story revolves around the unusual figure of a hero who, although finally cleared of the crime of which he is suspected, nevertheless is shown in a light, that at the fadeout, makes him appear to be a highly undesirable and even dangerous person. There is little or no attempt to arouse sympathy for this man and consequently there is no happy ending.

Wednesday, 26 July

SO PROUDLY WE HAIL—Claudette Colbert. "So Proudly We Hail" is the story of the heroic nurses of Bataan during the last bitter days. Starring Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard, and Veronica Lake.

Thursday, 27 July

GUILTY OF TREASON — Charles Bickford. "Guilty of Treason," reminding in a number of ways of "Hitler's Children," is an engrossing film. It pulls no punches. It places on us for what has happened squarely at the door of the Politburo, cites imprisonment of Lutheran and Protestant ministers in other iron curtain countries and warns the way to rebuff the Russian Bear is to be tough and uncompromising. It deals effectively with the false anti-Semitic charges against the Cardinal.

Friday, 28 July

THREE LITTLE WORDS—Fred Astaire. Entertaining and wholly delightful, this ranks easily among the best of musical biographies. More than anything else it induces that warm feeling, mixed of nostalgia, good humor, tenderness, and all around enjoyment that audiences like to talk about afterwards.

Saturday, 29 July

THE LADY TAKES A SAILOR—Dennis Morgan, Jane Wyman head an excellent cast which romps through a romantic story of feuding lovers. They meet when Miss Wyman, a successful executive who has built her career on truth, is rescued by Morgan, a Navy officer engaged in ultra-secret submarine work. He holds her prisoner in his submarine while an extensive search is under way. After her release nobody believes her story of an undersea adventure. The only way she can prove it is through some pictures she has taken and which Morgan has taken from her. The rest of the story concerns both parties' attempts to regain the film from each other, one to expose the truth of the adventures and the other to keep the Government work a secret.

foundation in their shipboard form. It will be oriented southwest toward Guadalcanal. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for November on the anniversary of the battle.

"The Navy is loaning the bell to the city," said Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, 12th Naval District commandant. "The cruiser is in mothballs (in Philadelphia) . . . and may be re-commissioned if needed. In that event, we will want the bell returned, for it is the heart of the ship," he added.



# Peons Lose 6-0 To End Season Brink Hurls 2 Hitter

In their last appearance of the season, the usually hard-hitting Peons of Oak Knoll were held to two hits by pitcher Bill Brink of the NAS Alameda Hellicat nine and as a consequence were shut-out for the first time this season 6 to 0 Tuesday afternoon on the local diamond.

The loss gave the Peons a season's record of five wins and seven losses, not the best record ever sustained by them. Fielding was the main reason for the number of defeats as Oscar Lindblad and Barney Halladay, chuckers for the Peons, both had the control, speed, and trickiness necessary for pitching, but lacked the fielding to back them up.

Big Bill Brink's shutout of the Peons Tuesday afternoon was saved from being a no-hitter in the third inning when Todd Forrest beat out a bunt. It wasn't until the seventh inning that a genuine hit was given up, the hit being Oscar Lindblad's sizzling grounder down the third base line.

Only three Peons reached first base, Forrest, Lindblad, and Al Boucha, who walked in the third inning. No one reached second.

Until the fourth inning, Lindblad had also held the Hellicats hitless, but in that frame, he gave up three successive singles to put the visitors ahead 2 to 0. One more was added in the following frame when an error and a triple by Payton, right fielder, were combined. In the fifth, two singles, two beaten-out bunts, and a successful squeeze play added two more markers to the Hellicats' cause, and in the seventh, two singles and three successive outfield flies scored the final tally.

Much of the effectiveness of the Peons' batting ability was removed when C. A. Johnson, catcher, was clipped with a pitched ball and suffered a painfully swollen finger, which made it impossible to grip the bat.



Members of Oak Knoll's softball team, the Peons, posed for their first and last picture immediately before taking the field in their last game against the NAS, Alameda Hellicats to sustain a 6 to 0, two-hit drubbing. Seated, left to right, are: J. C. Stevenson, second baseman; Gerald Zilch, first and third baseman; Henry Mitchell, fielder; Bobby Diehl, fielder; G. F. Young, shortstop; and C. A. Johnson, catcher. Standing: Al Boucha, right fielder; George Schroder, first baseman; Oscar Lindblad, pitcher; T. R. Forrest, left fielder; and Paul Harmer, center fielder.

# AdMen Win 3rd, Take 4th Spot; N.P.'s Pull Within Half Game of Lead

With their new found hurler, Denny Parrish, tossing two four-hit games against the toughest teams in the league, the AdMen of R. J. Underwood regained the victory trail this week by downing the N. P. Techs Thursday, 13 July, 6 to 4, and the Chiefs Monday afternoon 7 to 5, and taking a forfeit game from the Officers Wednesday afternoon to jump over the faltering CSRs into fourth spot.

Parish, a lean red head, is still wild, having pitched 12 walks in two contests, but he has plenty of speed and trickiness as indicated by 10 strike-outs and only eight hits in two games, both against the hardest hitting clubs in the loop.

Although they lost the game to the AdMen, the N. P. Techs took one game from CSR Tuesday afternoon 12 to 1 and a forfeited game from the Chiefs Friday, 14 July, to hurdle the Officers and go into second spot, a meager half-game behind the slipping CPO's.

With 12 ND play coming to a close, almost all the teams were strengthened by varsity players turning their attention to building up their various departments. The N. P. Techs grabbed the nod over the other teams by copping such players as C. F. "Shank" Young, shortstop; Bill "Moon" Mullens, third sacker; C. A. "Ace" Johnson, catcher; and Bill Schneider, center-fielder. CSR grabbed Gerald Zilch, hard-hitting 3rd baseman, and the AdMen acquired J. C. Stevenson, cagey, hard-playing Keystone Copper.

Behind their newly-discovered pitching talent, the AdMen began fielding with surety and confidence and their always potent batting power began to have meaning other than building up batting averages.

LEAGUE STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT	GB
CPO Club	10	4	.714	—
N.P. Techs	12	6	.666	½
Officers	9	5	.642	1
Administration	7	9	.437	4
CSR	6	9	.400	4½
Civilians	1	12	.076	8½

BATTING LEADERS				
	GP	AB	R	PCT
Hunter, AdMen	9	30	15	.533
Beer, Officers	8	31	12	.516
Lyons, CPO	10	32	17	.500
Harmer, N.P. Techs	13	45	25	.488
Martine, CPO	11	34	14	.441

# Hospital Casaba League To Start Hope For 10 Teams

Plans for an intra-departmental basketball league are now being formulated, Coach Joe Reginato announced this week. The basketball league will take the place of the softball league now in progress.

Games will be played after working hours, beginning at 1630 with four eight-minute quarters. They will be played on the outdoor basketball courts below the swimming pool.

It is hoped that ten teams will be able to enter the league, the six who fielded softball teams and four others. Any department may enter but in the event that a department is not represented, a person in the department who wants to play should contact the manager of a team and request a tryout.

# Nugent Cards 71 As Knollites Win 4th

Henry Nugent hit a one under par 71 against the FasRon-8 golfers Thursday, 13 July, to sweep three points from his opponent Lococo and lead the Oak Knoll golfers to their fourth consecutive win in 12 ND league play.

Nugent's score was the first under par round garnered by a Knollite this season of play, and with it work on the remaining team members went on to take enough points to defeat the FasRon group 9½ to 5½ to gather some revenge for the 12½ to 2½ drubbing handed them earlier in the season by the same group.

LTJG J. W. Cross, although he carded the second lowest score for the locals, again hit the bug-a-boo and missed the scoring column when Jones, his opponent, slammed the ball around the course in a three over par 74 to cop all three points from Cross' 80.

Bouncing back from the hard-luck trail he hit last week, LTJG J. E. Spence made his 81 strokes good for 2½ points when his adversary came through with 85. Again shooting against an 85 by the FasRon player Captain G. H. Ekblad toured the course in an 82 to take another 2½ points. E. A. Cannell, HMC, fill-in for LT Bob Ware, split points with his opponent when both made 85's.

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RADM J. T. BOONE, MC, USN

## Inspector General Speaks to Staff

Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, Inspector General, Medical, for the Navy, and one of the nation's leaders in military medicine, took time out from his official inspection duties Monday afternoon to bring an inspiring message to members of the staff.

He spoke of the struggle for peace in which we are engaged and urged all to be prepared to make necessary sacrifices. Shortages will make hospital work difficult, and the Admiral warned that the situation is likely to "get worse before it gets better." He urged corpsmen to prepare themselves for an unknown future by making the most of every opportunity the Navy offers, and in this connection he pointed to his assistant, CDR A. F. Bigelow, as an example of one who has made an outstanding success of his Navy career. The commander worked up from hospital apprentice to his present position—that of senior Medical Service Corps officer in the Navy.

The Admiral spoke of the fine feeling that exists at Oak Knoll, where servicemen and civilians work as a team, and he further commended the hospital staff for their quick response to suggestions made during his inspection. With reference to the teaching program for medical officers, he stated that Oak Knoll is one of the Navy's greatest teaching institutions and expressed the hope that the program can continue despite impending shortages.

SCIENCE DIGEST sold fast in Navy Exchange Store this month. The reason—a wild and woolly story of space ships and people of other planets. The title—"A Pinch of Culture." The author—CDR Bernard I. Kahn.

## LCDR Swofford Sent to USS Repose

The staff this week bid a reluctant good-bye to LCDR W. S. Swofford, MSC, USN, who has served as Personnel Officer for the Navy and civilian staffs since June 1949. He was detached Saturday, 22 July, and on that date reported aboard the USS REPOSE, which is now being re-commissioned for service in the Pacific.

Mr. Swofford is one of the hospital's "plank-owners," having reported aboard before the commissioning in July 1942 to serve as Commissary Officer. Various other assignments have interrupted his service to Oak Knoll, but he held the distinction of being the only officer aboard who had served under every Commanding Officer the hospital has had.

Prior to his departure, station chiefs turned out en masse to honor the LCDR at a "smooth sailing" party given at the Chiefs' Club.

Among members of the staff who will miss him most is Mrs. Swofford, who has served since December 1948 as secretary to the Chiefs of the Surgical and Medical Services.

LTJG D. R. Stutler, MSC, USN, has moved into the Personnel Office and assumed duties as Chief, Personnel Division, as well as those of Record and Legal Officer.



LCDR W. S. SWOFFORD, MSC, USN

## Station Choral Group Starts Practice

Station vocalists met Wednesday in Classroom C, Building 133, for work on the first of a series of choral numbers to be studied during the next ten weeks. Those who attended the Welfare and Recreation-sponsored group for which a University of California Extension Division instructor is provided are enthusiastic about this new activity, which is open to all who wish to join.



Seven staff men recently completed six months of instruction to qualify as Operating Room Technicians. Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, was responsible for their training, which included preparation and sterilizing of supplies, care of sutures, and learning the names of various instruments, how to care for them and which ones to select for specific cases. The five OR Graduates pictured here with Captain Dickinson are, left to right: W. J. Medvedeff, HN, E. W. Newman, HM3, T. A. McPhall, HM3, C. E. Hopkins, HN, and W. H. Corey, HN. The two who were unable to be present when the picture was taken are HN's B. B. Howell and A. J. Chalmers.

## Play, "The Mirror" To Be Given Friday

A special prevue of "The Mirror," a three-act play by a local group of professional radio and television actors known as "The Meridian Players" will be given on Friday night, 4 August, at 1900. This exciting, tense, timely, psychological play is a simple story of a modern problem. You'll be entertained, interested, excited to know which wins—the science of the mind or brutality and violence. Don't miss this exciting evening in the auditorium.

In the cast are A Professor of Psychology—Jack Cohill; His Wife—Rachel Kidd; A Student Friend—D. Stewart Lucas; A Family Nurse—Tacia Gift; The Family Housekeeper—Lila Martin; The Gangster—Allison Gowing; The Gun Moll—Gloria Midralls; Another Gangster—Lloyd Sykes. The entire action takes place in the evening in the living room and patio of the professor's house.

## This Sheriff's Notice Gladly Received

Usually when people hear from the sheriff, the news is not good news. But such was not the case when Captain Cook received a letter this week from James N. Long, Sheriff of near-by Contra Costa County.

In his letter the sheriff gave high praise to Patient Richard Renick, S1, for the "alertness, understanding, and prompt action" which are said to have saved the life of a Martinez resident after a suicide attempt. Renick applied tourniquets to stop bleeding from the victim's wrists and took care of him until help arrived.

"We feel that a good deed done, warrants mention, and we want to express our thanks for the excellent work done. The victim is going to survive," wrote the sheriff.

## Patient Commended for Work at CSR

Before his transfer Wednesday to the TI Receiving Station for assignment to duty by the Commander, Western Sea Frontier, David Robert Parks, SKSN, USN, received the following commendation from the Commanding Officer:

"While serving as a patient under the rehabilitation program, Parks

was detailed to the Central Supply Department. He demonstrated exceptional interest and devotion to his assigned duties. His outstanding military bearing and discipline were an inspiring example for all men in the department."

Parks had been a patient on 65B since January.



# The Oak Leaf

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## Eighth Anniversary for WAVES

On 29 July 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill which made WAVES a temporary addition to the Navy for the purpose of relieving men for overseas duty. So well did they perform their tasks that today, on the eighth anniversary of their beginning, they are a permanent and integral division of that force.

At the peak of the War, 350 enlisted WAVES and 25 officers were on duty at this hospital. Today, the staff includes only eleven enlisted WAVES and two officers. To this small force falls a large amount of work, which they do well, whatever the task or how long it may take them.

The majority of the WAVES now aboard are on duty in the Dependents' Services—Arlene Normington, HM2, in the Clinic; Gladys Berstler, HM1, on 69A; Ruth D. Ford, HM1, on 72B; Lucille Moore, HM1, on 72A; Anna M. Hoekstra, HN, on night duty at 73A; Virginia F. Rhodes, HN, on 72B; and Beverly J. Scheidt, HA, on 69A. But they also serve in other departments on the compound—Annie L. Green, HMC, in Occupational Therapy; Kathryn Robinson, HMC, in the Medical Records Library; Edith Rush, HM1, in the X-Ray Department; and Dorothy L. Matz, YN1, on the Physical Evaluation Board. Senior WAVES aboard are LT Lucille Clark, dietitian and Women's Reserve Representative; and CWOHC Marion Kramer, physiotherapist.

To these thirteen representatives of the Women's Navy—for their many splendid achievements which we take so much for granted—thanks, congratulations, happy birthday, and a hearty "well done."

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### "I REMEMBER"

At 1:25 p.m., Sunday, 7 Dec., 1941, the Honolulu office of the F.B.I. called headquarters at Washington, D. C. It was 7:55 a.m. in Hawaii. Jap bombers were blasting Pearl Harbor. Bits of conversation linger from the following week . . . "We will whip 'em in a week" . . . "If people hadn't been in Church they'd have given the Japs a fight" . . . "I heard there will be rationing." In other words all sorts of statements were made in those days. Some of them rubbed the wrong way. We will hear them again.

I presume the person that used the gag about Church never saw the inside of one . . . or maybe it was an excuse for his missing.

The parable that Jesus spoke to the Pharisees contained classic excuses during His public ministry. "I have bought a farm, and I must go and see it; I pray Thee hold me excused!" And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them; I pray Thee hold me excused." . . . The handicapped didn't give excuses as much as the able bodied.

All too many of us are prone to give excuses, and effort is required on our part to cultivate things spiritual. The expression of passing the buck comes from the rank and file. In the service in spite of the time given you for religious worship, you rationalize with yourself. Please hold me excused; then you satisfy yourself with some excuse, or do you?

F. J. KLASS

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)  
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings



**COLLECTOR'S ITEM:** Among Oak Knoll's most interested philatelists are Bernard Stodolka, EN2, left; Jack Crickmore, MM2, and Frank Griffith, EN3, right. Mrs. Alice Dallas, Alameda Gray Lady, gives valuable assistance.

### STAMP CLUB IN SPOTLIGHT

Seven members of the Alameda Stamp Club and three guests visited the Hospital Stamp Club Monday evening, 18 July. Collections of stamps were exhibited and an informal talk given.

Members from Alameda were Mr. Henry Turk, Miss Helen Mitchell, Mrs. Littler, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Clifford Sunden, Mrs. Cerini and Mrs. Alice Dallas, Gray Lady. The guests these members brought were Miss Joyce, Mrs. Henry Turk and daughter Jean Turk.

The inspiring exhibit shown by the visiting group included collections of Railroad stamps, Special Bird stamps, Punch on the Nose, U.P.U., Central American, and pre-cancelled stamps. An informal talk was given by Mr. Henry Turk, chairman of the Veterans Committee for the Alameda Stamp Club, on the history of California first day issue stamps. After this talk, the entire sheet containing stamps issued in California was awarded to a lucky U. S. N. H. stamp club member. The winning collector was **Ralph L. Briggs, EN3, from 43B.**

### SPEAKING OF STAMPS

The present conflict has stimulated philatelists to get an increasing amount of Russian and Korean stamps. While there are plenty of Russian stamps, Korean ones are scarce. Also in the international limelight are the United Nations stamps. If you are interested in beginning any of these collections, join the Wednesday afternoon stamp club, which is held weekly topside Community Service Building.

### GREAT EXPECTATIONS!

The new Red Cross Recreation Lounge is nearing completion, and anticipation is high as each day brings realization closer. Beautiful in pastel color and design, compact in arrangement, the new lounge presents a rosy future for an interesting recreational program for all patients.

Musical instruments will be available. The photography equipment will come out of storage to be used again in developing and enlarging pictures. Ping-pong tables and small game tables will be available. And so on!

One of the nicest features about

the new building is that it will be accessible to all patients, whether in wheel chair or on crutches, as the entrance is on ground level. The location? First deck of the bag room Building 132 or right next to the Craft Shop opposite Ward 43. Watch for announcement of the opening date.

### TALENTED PIANIST PERFORMS

**Dr. R. J. Mallet,** patient, talented pianist, entertained on 42 Thursday evening. The program consisted of a musical quiz followed by numerous requests from the listeners. By popular request, Dr. Mallet was asked to return the following week for more musical entertainment.

## Welcome and Farewell

The staff at this hospital evened off at 11 during the week of 19 to 26 July when 16 persons left and only five came aboard. Those departing were Captain Alton C. Abernethy, USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; Captain George F. Blodgett, to USNH, Mare Island; Captain George E. Mills, to Puget Sound Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Washington; CDR Reginald V. Berry, to USNH, Pensacola, Florida; LCDR W. S. Swofford, to USS Repose; LT Alice W. Lethman, to USS General G. M. Randall; LTJG Ernest A. Blakey, to Pacific Flt, Tacoma, Washington; LTJG Estelle J. Grabowski, to MSTC; ENS Geraldine H. Baldey, to civilian life; Dwight D. Coburn, DN, and Marvin R. Wilson, DN, to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; Charles A. Weitz, HM1, to Receiving Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Warren A. Schloema, HMC, to USS Benevolence. Also the USS Repose went Harry I. Matchett, HMC, Paul E. Isaacs, HM1, and Bobby Daniels, HN.

Reporting aboard were CDR Wilbur N. Van Zile from Guam; LC James R. Dillon, from Stanford University Hospital; ENS Sara J. Barto from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Joseph R. Davi, from USNH, San Diego, and Clemen N. Poor, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



# Who's Who . . .

Arthur R. Parr, HN, at present a patient on ward 71B, came to the compound he now calls home from the Hospital at Mare Island on 7 March 1950 after spending more than a year there. He enlisted in Sacramento on 8 July, 1948, where he has lived since 1942.

Although his hobbies now run to chess and music, during his school days in Sacramento he was an avid track and field enthusiast. During his career as a quarter-miler for his high school, he ran in such meets as the Modesto Relays, the Davis meet, and the famous Fresno Relays.



For ten months after graduating from Corps School, W. G. Samuel, DN, of the Dental Clinic, was stationed at the Naval Air Station in San Diego. He then received his transfer to the Naval Training Center for Dental Technician's School. It was from there that he was transferred to Oak Knoll on 4 April of this year. Samuel joined the Navy in his native El Paso, Texas on 16 November, 1948.

Prior to enlistment, he held a position with the Theatre Industry as director of hundreds of people. Although he has no hobbies, he played football and baseball in high school and is still interested in them.

For playing basketball all four years of high school and track and baseball the last three, Willard F. Gaston, HN in the OOD's Office, earned ten letters before he graduated and joined the Navy. After high school, he worked on a ranch near his home town of Roswell, New Mexico, before deciding that staying on a ship was easier than staying on a horse. He made this decision and joined the Navy on 15 July, 1948.

Following a short stay in San Diego, he reported to Oak Knoll on 28 January, 1949, where he has either worked, slept, or gone on liberty, putting special emphasis on the latter two.

During History class the teacher asked, "What happened in 1483?"

"Luther was born," a student answered promptly.

"Right. What happened in 1487?"

After a long pause, "Luther was four years old."

Mrs. Jones: "Look, Dear, how picturesque. The Browns are carrying in a Yule Log."

Mr. Jones: "Yule log my eye! That's Mr. Brown."



# Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By GLENN W. OBERLIN

Gad!! You'd think, from some of the comments overheard about this one-year extension, that everyone is going to Korea. It's not such a bad place to go, so they say, but if I'm sent overseas, I want Herman Mangum, of Ward 61A, somewhere within calling distance. Why? Just think of how handy he would be if the radar suddenly went haywire, if you know what I mean. The ears, friend, the ears.

On the other side of Mangum's ward, there's a big love affair, or possibly a love triangle, taking place. Regardless of what it may be, and I wish I knew, it is very important to certain people. Now who works on 61B that I know?

On 63B a new arrival from Corps School is now working. No scoop, I'll agree, but the fact that he's in the Navy and the fact that he doesn't smoke, cuss, drink, gamble, and has very little to do with women, and that he is a tall red-headed man of some 21 summers should be some kind of scoop. It must!! Maybe because he's from California.

Although I never did find out his name, I do know that he works on Ward 70B and that when he answers the phone, he surpasses all others who've ever tried. His conversation upon answering the phone goes something like this, "Ah . . . corpsman speaking . . . uh . . . ah . . . Ward Seventy-y-y . . . ah . . . B . . . go ahead." When asked his name, he replied, "uh . . . name? Just a minute and I'll ask the nurse." Sometimes I think I'll start a Ripley column.

About the language lessons being offered by the Red Cross here at Oak Knoll. They offer instructions in French, German, and Spanish. 'Pears to me that a certain lingo is missing . . . Course, I couldn't tell, but you may have three guesses.



The following best sellers are available at the Hospital Library:

## Fiction:

The Cardinal, by Robinson.

The Wall, by Hersey.

Jubilee Trail, by Bristow.

The Legacy, by Shute.

The Egyptian, by Waltari.

The Bizarre Sisters, by Walz.

High Valley, by Clift and Johnson.

## Non-Fiction:

Worlds in Collision, by Velikovsky.

The Mature Mind, by Overstreet.

The Grand Alliance, by Churchill.

I Leap Over the Wall, by Baldwin.

Eleanor of Aquitaine, by Kelly.

Simple Speaks His Mind, by Hughes.

World Enough and Time, by Robert Penn Warren; Sleep Till Noon, by Max Shulman; The Stubborn Heart, by Frank Slaughter, and Roosevelt in Retrospect, by John Gunther are others to be added to the Library soon. Come in and reserve your copy now!

# Yeoman [F]



While station Waves look back today over the eight-year history of their organization, Persis A. Stanley will look farther back to the days when she donned the uniform that she wears in the picture above and served as a yeoman (f) during World War I.

Joining the service in 1918, Mrs. Stanley had tours of duty at Boston, Massachusetts, and Great Lakes. She was one of 7,000 yeomanettes who made up the Women's Navy and were assigned to various ports on the East and West Coasts and the lakes. It was while at Great Lakes that she met Leslie H. Stanley, Chief Storekeeper. (He was in charge of the Navy Stores; she kept the books.) Both were discharged from the Navy after the close of the war, and their marriage took place soon after they returned to civilian life. Later Mr. Stanley returned to active duty, and during World War II held the rank of CHPLC. Following his death in 1944, at USNH, New Orleans, Mrs. Stanley rejoined the Navy herself in a civilian capacity, serving as traffic clerk in the Disbursing Office at Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida, a position similar to that she now holds at this hospital.

A teacher examining a class in Natural History said, "Speaking of sheep, can any of you tell me the names of the male, the female, and the offspring?"

"Yes, teacher," replied one youngster, "Ram the Daddy, Dam the Mammy, and Lam' the Kid."

Ad in a paper: "For sale, grocery and meat-market with loving rooms; no competition. A bargain at quick sale; leaving town."

## NOTICE

Joe Jackson, cashier at Clothing and Small Stores in Building 132 has announced that two and three stripe ratings of seaman, fireman, airman, and construction man are now in stock. Also in stock are black dress gloves in small, medium, and large sizes, and leather working gloves in the latter two sizes. Chiefs and Officers cotton khaki socks ranging in size from 9 to 13 and dungaree jumpers from 34 to 44 are also available in Clothing and Small Stores, bottom deck, Building 132.

# ANOTHER "THANK YOU"

Dear Captain Cook:

Your letter of sympathy in the loss of my brother, Ray Matthews, who died at your hospital on July 13th, 1950 has been received, and I thank you for the same.

I was at the Hospital for three days and I observed that your Staff gave him the best possible medical care and comfort under the circumstances and I know that he appreciated everything you did for him from the comments and numerous remarks he made about the service.

I wish to thank you for all the assistance that was given and for the letters and wires currently advising me of his condition, which enabled me to be there and with him and talk to him during his life time.

Sincerely yours,

E. F. MATTHEWS

# LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

16 July

CARDEN, William Frank, to wife of William Carden, HA, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
FAUBION, Diane Gail, to wife of Leland Faubion, MUC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

17 July

FRANKLIN, Diana June, to wife of Earl Franklin, AD3, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.  
SMITH, Patricia Nellie, to wife of George Smith, ME2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
FOSTER, Joy Sharon, to wife of William Foster, EM3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
REYNOLDS, Katherine Ellen, to wife of Rex Reynolds, SN, 10 pounds, 4 ounces.  
DAUDEL, Joann Marie, to wife of Frank Daudel, AD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

18 July

LESLIE, Baby Girl, to wife of Arthur Leslie, AD1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
FINN, Baby Girl, to wife of James Finn, Capt., USA, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
JACKSON, Lee Howard, to wife of Elmer Jackson, AO1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

19 July

WAYMAN, Robert James, to wife of Eugene Wayman, DC3, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.  
HAYNIE, George Cook, to wife of John Haynie, LT, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
GUTIERREZ, Baby Girl, to wife of Ralph Gutierrez, SK2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
SCHLEBER, Carolyn Lorraine, to wife of Robert Schleber, M/Sgt., 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
GORDON, Patricia Carol, to wife of Jack Gordon, AD1, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.  
McQUAIG, Sandra Lee, to wife of Mack McQuaig, EM3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
BAUCUM, Susan Carol, to wife of Bernard Baucum, T/Sgt., 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

20 July

BARBIERI, Sharon Lee, to wife of Joseph Barbieri, Sgt., 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
ARNOLD, Scott Ernest, to wife of Ernest Arnold, AE1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
TAYLOR, Ronald Clayton, to wife of Clayton Taylor, LTJG, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
VROOMAN, Thomas Allen, to wife of Allen Vrooman, AD1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
GREEK, Steven Allen, to wife of Irving Greek, BM2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
COMBS, John Frederick, to wife of Ronald Combs, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
HANSEN, Christine Lynn, to wife of Robert Hansen, AL3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

21 July

OUTLAW, Baby Boy, to wife of Willie Outlaw, SD2, 8 pounds.  
LEWIS, Gregory Bruce, to wife of Jesse Lewis, QM3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
ROBBINS, James George, to wife of Delbert Robbins, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
SPRAGUE, Laura Dean, to wife of Raymond Sprague, LTJG, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
INGERSOLL, Annabelle, to wife of John Ingersoll, LT, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
RYSER, Lynda Gay, to wife of Vernon Ryser, AMC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
BOGART, Mark Hanks, to wife of Tudor Bogart, ENS, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
FORD, David Alexander, to wife of Robert Ford, LTJG, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.  
JORGENSEN, Brian Edward, to wife of Cecil Max Jorgenson, LTJG, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

22 July

BALLENTINE, Linda Diane, to wife of Francis Ballentine, LT, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
THOMAS, Joyce Laquinta, to wife of Joseph Thomas, AL1, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.  
FLYNN, Linda Mae, to wife of Howard Flynn, AE1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
GAGE, Baby Girl, to wife of Roy Gage, HM3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.



# Hospital Hoop League Begins Play 21 August

Although the Intra-Departmental Basketball League is scheduled to begin on 21 August, only two teams have officially joined. They are Jack Nicholl's men from the Dental Clinic, and a group from Welfare headed by Coach J. A. Reginato.

Several other departments have expressed a desire to join and are now contacting men to field a team. CSR, under George Schroder, is expected to fill in one of the vacant billets, and J. C. Stevenson's Administration Building five will be on hand it now appears, although this is not official as yet.

## OPD to Form Team

Bob Worsham, reliable player for the Pirates last year, is trying to organize a team to represent the Out-Patient Department, which will be the second department to come into the basketball loop that was not in the softball league.

The Chief Petty Officers and the Officers are not, at this time, expecting to field teams for the basketball season, and the Civilians probably will not either, according to advance signs.

## No Managers

Although no one has come forward to manage or gather the forces, teams for the Port and Starboard watches are hoped for. The N. P. Technicians, who comprise practically all of the Mare Island team of last year, has not announced definitely whether they will or will not join the new league.

Time for all games will be 1630. They will be played on the outdoor courts below the swimming pool. Quarters will be eight minutes long.

City man (to farmer in Ozarks) Do flies ever get in your corn out this way?"

Farmer, "Oh, shore, but we just fish 'em out and drink it anyway."



# Chiefs Lead By Full Game All Cancelled Games To Be Replayed

No games were played in the Intra-Departmental Softball League during the past week, but Robert Lyons' Chief Petty Officers gained a half game on the second-running N.P. Techs when they took a forfeited game from the Officers Wednesday afternoon.

The 7 to 0 win pushed the league leaders into a full game leadership over the charges of Wayne Wilson, new mentor of the N.P.'s since Meyers was forced to quit.

Despite the one-game margin separating the two teams, the N.P. Techs were given a good chance to cop the pennant last week when the CPO's agreed to cancel the two forfeited games and replay them. Both teams won one game and lost one to the other by forfeit, with one game being postponed. If the N.P.'s take all three replays from the Chiefs, it could put them into an unshakable lead. In their only game played this season, the Chiefs stopped the N.P.'s 8 to 2 on 15 May. The game was played before the N.P.'s acquired the players from the Peons though, so the repeat matches may go differently.

The other three games scheduled for play this week were postponed because of manpower shortage, but will be made up at the end of the season, when a regular schedule of previously postponed or cancelled games will go into effect. In the replay matches, there will be no postponed games, and those teams unable to play a match will automatically lose by forfeit. In the event that neither team shows up, the game will be declared no contest, and neither team will be charged with either a loss or a win.

## Cancelled Games Rescheduled

Schedule for the replay of postponed games is: Monday, 31 July, 2 vs. 5; Tuesday, 1 August, 3 vs. 6; Wednesday, 2 August, 1 vs. 4; Thursday, 3 August, 4 vs. 5; Friday, 4

August, 3 vs. 6; Monday, 7 August, 3 vs. 6; Tuesday, 8 August, 4 vs. 5; Wednesday, 9 August, 1 vs. 3; Thursday, 10 August, 2 vs. 4; Friday, 11 August, 1 vs. 3; Monday, 14 August, 3 vs. 4; Tuesday, 15 August, 1 vs. 2; Wednesday, 16 August, 3 vs. 5; and Thursday, 17 August, 2 vs. 4.

## May Decide Pennant

Play in the post-season rematches could well decide the outcome of the league race. All teams, with the exception of the Civilians, still have a mathematical chance, but for the CSRs and AdMen, it is almost purely mathematical. With most of the officers shipped out and the rest almost too busy to play, the Officers are practically counted out, too, although they could still cop the flag if their team was revamped hurriedly.

The real race now seems to lie between the N.P.'s and the CPO's with the N.P.'s having the better of the schedule. Only four games remain for them, the three with the Chiefs and one with the Civilians, while the Chiefs must meet the N.P.'s, the potentially tough CSRs twice, and the Officers and Civilians once.

LEAGUE STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
CPO Club	10	3	.769	—
N.P. Techs	11	5	.687	1
Officers	9	6	.600	2
Administration	7	9	.437	4½
CSR	6	9	.400	5
Civilians	1	12	.076	9

BATTING LEADERS				
	GP	AB	R	H
Hunter, AdMen	9	30	15	16
Beer, Officers	8	31	12	16
Lyons, CPO	10	32	17	16
Harmer, N.P. Techs	13	45	25	22
Martin, CPO	11	34	14	15

# Managers Meet To Choose All-Stars

The managers of the Intra-Departmental Softball League met yesterday afternoon with Coach Joseph Reginato and the Editor of the Oak Leaf in the Welfare and Recreation Office to choose the All-Star players in that league and discuss possibilities of a game between those outstanding players and the Oak Knoll Peons.

The managers, Robert Lyons, HMC, of the Chief Petty Officers, Wayne Wilson, HA, of the N.P. Technicians, LT R. L. Thompson, of the Officers, Bob Underwood, HN, of the AdMen, George Schroder, HN, of CSR, and Bill Thorne, of the Civilians, were all in favor of such a contest, but because most of the outstanding players in the league were drafted by the Peons, arrangements for such may be difficult. Full results of the meeting will be given in next week's paper.

# Departments to Form Six-Man Football Teams

A six-man, touch football league for the hospital is being organized. Coach J. A. Reginato announced this week. The league will begin play on 5 September, and will run concurrently with the Intra-Departmental Basketball League.

No teams have officially joined the league thus far, but CSR under George Schroder, the Administration Building, with A. K. Hunter, the N. P. Technicians, under Paul Harmer and Port Watch, with Oscar Breedlove have begun looking for material with which to field a team.

The games will be played on the lower athletic field, beginning at 1630. As is usual in touch football, the field will be 80 yards long and 40 yards wide with four downs to make 20 yards. Games will be divided into four quarters of eight minutes each.

The teams will be composed of six men each, with no more than 12 men allowed on each team.

Anyone wishing to play is urged to contact the managers named, or see Coach Reginato concerning the possibility of forming a team.

# Four Knollites Join Swim Team

Four men have signed to represent Oak Knoll in the Bay Area Armed Forces Swimming and Diving Championship meet—the first in which Oak Knoll has been represented—which is scheduled to be held at the NAS, Alameda pool on 4 August.

Bob Irvine, HN, Ward 64A, will try for the diving crown; D. B. Sumerlin, HN in the Chaplain's Office will compete in the 100-yard free-style; Bill Schneider, HM3 of 51A, is entered in the 50-yard free-style; and LTJG Thomas Smith will race in the 200-yard free-style and 100-yard breast stroke. The three swimmers will join forces in the 150-yard medley relay.

Coach Reginato, trainer of the group, expressed some doubts Wednesday afternoon about using Schneider since he is at present suffering from a severe cold.



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## Start Work on Staff Enlisted Rec Center

## Station Choral Group Needs Sopranos, Altos

Construction work on the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center, to be housed in Building 25B, began this week and when it is completed and ready for occupancy in approximately one month, one of the prime needs of staff enlisted personnel of this hospital will have been realized.

For several months, the enlisted staff of this hospital have wanted a place where they could entertain friends at a minimum of expense and yet get a maximum of enjoyment. When the Recreation Center is opened, they will have such a place.

The center will be located in Building 25B, second building to the left on the road to Hospital Corps Quarters. The building is easily accessible by both visitors and corpsmen and should prove a popular spot for meeting guests.

Divided into two sections, the Center will feature a lounge where one may rest, read, or participate in cards, ping pong and pool, and a section where couples may dance to a juke box. The majority of the staff dances will be held there in the future.

In addition to the means of entertainment already mentioned, the lounge will also contain a television set which should provide many evenings of fine entertainment for impecunious corpsmen.

More singers, especially women, are needed for the station chorus, LCDR James D. Hester, Chaplain in charge of the group, announced this week. Men could also be used, but because the men already outnumber the women two to one, sopranos and altos are desperately sought.

Twenty-one persons are now enrolled in the group, 14 men and seven women, but it is hoped by the Chaplain that 40 or 50 will eventually become members. If the ranks do swell to that number, Chaplain Hester hopes to find outside engagements where the chorus could perform.

Three meetings have been held to date, but because of the working hours, few of the members have attended all of them. Approximately half are present on alternate Wednesdays, which has considerably slowed down the schedule for beginning new songs.

The chorus meets every Wednesday evening from 1830 to 2030 top-side in Building 133. A variety of music is offered to suit the wishes and abilities of the group.

Mr. Weber, University Extension Division music instructor, director of the choral group, announced at the meeting of 26 July that the two credits toward college which had been offered was discontinued when the governing board decided that the group was established on too transitory a basis.



Visitors at the hospital Thursday were heads of the VFW Auxiliary for the State of California, and for this district. Included in the group that called to see the Commanding Officer were, left to right: Mrs. Alton Hobbs, Banning, California, state hospital chairman for the organization; Mrs. S. H. Alldredge, district president; Mrs. Leo A. Schilke, San Diego, state president, and Mrs. Marget Walker, hospital chairman for the district. Both local women have contributed a great deal to this hospital by arranging semi-weekly programs on the wards. The state leaders were in the Bay Area to survey the work being done at this and other Veterans' Hospitals in the area.

## 12 ND Navy Relief Drive Nets \$53,000

A total of \$53,909.68 was contributed to the Navy Relief by the three auxiliaries in the Twelfth Naval District during the recent drive, RADM Bertram J. Rodgers, Commandant of the 12ND, announced this week in a letter of appreciation to all stations.

The total was \$8,025.51 more than was given during the 1949 drive, and was the highest amount reached during any other post-war year.

Well over \$1000 of this amount was contributed by the staff of this hospital, and another \$275 was taken in at the booths sponsored by the Enlisted men and Officers of Oak Knoll at the NAS, Alameda, carnival.

In the notice the Commandant expressed "His appreciation for the excellent support given by all activities to the Navy Relief during the 1950 drive." In addition to the direct contributions, the letter stated, "It should be noted that personnel attached to activities making direct contributions also purchased tickets for raffles and carnivals conducted by other activities."

## Crew's Library Adds Mare Island Librarian

A new librarian was added to the staff of the Crew's Library on 12 July. The librarian, Mrs. Helen Weaver, was transferred here from the Mare Island Library, where she'd worked since 1947, and will serve as Miss Lillian Yob's relief as soon as Mrs. Perry returns from the hospital.

Mrs. Weaver began her career as librarian in 1945, soon after graduating from the University of Wisconsin. While at the University she was contacted by the Navy's head librarian, who was looking for possible recruits, and rather than be shepherd to the dull tomes found in civilian life, she became a Naval librarian.

Her first duty station was at the Naval Base at San Bruno, the largest library she's worked in to date. After San Bruno, she went to the Marine Air Station in Miramar, California, where she stayed until going to Mare Island.

Married for two years, Mrs. Weaver has a two-months-old son, Mark. Her husband, Don, is majoring in Forestry at the University of California.



Before her departure for a new assignment at U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, LCDR Bertha R. Evans was honored at a cocktail party given at the Club by nurses of the staff. Present to wish her luck and a pleasant tour of duty in the Northwest were Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, Inspector General, Medical, U. S. Navy, and Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Executive Officer. Miss Evans' green orchid corsage was presented as a farewell token by members of the nursing staff.



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## Letter For "All Hands"

30 July, 1950

The Commanding Officer  
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 Oak Knoll  
 Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

A short letter is poor pay for all the gratitude we, my wife and I, feel we owe you and your entire organization, but it is the only means of expression that is open to us. While we would like to thank personally each individual connected with my wife's case, we realize, due to the number involved, this would be impossible, hence we hope this letter to you will be considered for "all hands."

During the month of June, 1950, my wife was suddenly stricken ill, requiring immediate entry to the hospital and an emergency operation. The skill, the attention, and the care devoted to her during her entire stay surpassed by far my fondest expectations. I cannot state often enough my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for what I consider saving the life of my wife.

Your entire hospital has reaffirmed to us just one of the many reasons why it is a privilege to be a member of the Naval Service.

Respectfully,

BRUCE E. JOHNSTON, ALC, USN

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Dare we pray? Rather ask—Dare we NOT pray? Bothersome questions insist on stirring in the outer rooms of our life. Is there truly a God somewhere who will hear the muted, frightened voice of a creature who struggles to exist on one of the lesser, insignificant planets of the limitless universe? If we can convince ourselves of the reality of such a Being, how much more difficult it is to believe that He will do anything to change the course of events in answer to our feeble requests. After all, there is the law of Cause and Effect. How can we expect this Being to interfere in the course of a disease, in the weather, in an emergency caused by impersonal forces? How little we know real prayer!

In its essence, prayer is not a weakling creature crying out to some hoped for Being in some half-imagined vast remoteness. Prayer is the creature listening to Him who created him into being. You have not really prayed who have not withdrawn from the raucousness of daily life and attuned your ear to the eternal voice of Him who created you into His own likeness. "Lord, teach us to pray."

JAMES D. HESTER

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:  
 Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—  
 Sunday School, Bldg 153.....1000  
 Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
 Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
 Monday—  
 Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
 The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:  
 Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
 0900 in Large Chapel  
 Confessions before Mass

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)  
 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:  
 Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:  
 Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
 The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

### RED CROSS LOUNGE OPENS

The new Red Cross Recreation Lounge takes the spotlight this coming week. Beginning Monday evening, plans are all set for a bang-up week to celebrate the opening of this beautiful center. On Monday evening, four clubs of the Hospital Committee for District Council No. 3 of the Associated Sportsmen will go all out to start the activities rolling with a sports show. Mr. C. E. Wilson, committee chairman, has announced there will be a gunsmithing demonstration, fly-tying, field archers, and a trained Belgian Shepherd dog. In fact, it is supposed to be a "talking-dog." Official opening will be at 1900 Monday evening, August 7, the lounge to be closed that afternoon to prepare for the event.

Tuesday evening will be a special Hostess Party. Thursday evening is set up for a gala dance, and Friday evening the regular folk dance festivities.

Beginning Tuesday, the lounge will be open every day Monday through Friday at 1300.

Everyone is welcome to visit the lounge and to enjoy the activities. Don't miss the "kick-off" in the new lounge Monday evening. See you there!

### MICKEY MOUSE, MAGIC AND STORIES

Children who come to the hospital as patients need not miss playtime and fun, or feel too lonely away from mama and daddy. Entertainment is planned weekly for their enjoyment.

The Mickey Mouse type of movie is usually scheduled for Monday evening. Every other Thursday afternoon Mr. Tabor from Oakland brings a program of magic to them. Story-hour and drawing also are popular activities.

Miss Linda Hickox, who is majoring in child psychology at the University of California, is the most recent Red Cross volunteer worker to fill the need for stories and art in this important department. One afternoon a week Miss Hickox visits the ward to entertain and instruct the children who are able to be up. Bed-patients are given small toys and game equipment.

### AFRICAN SAFARI

Patients on 42A and neighboring wards were given a special kind of travel experience when Ted Cottar of Oakland brought out his exciting film on African game hunts. Mr. Cottar, a close friend of CHIEF JESS ALLEN on that ward, lived in Nairobi, Kenya Colony, for over 30 years. His father conducted one of the best known safari services in that famed section and arranged the parties for the film locations of "Trader Horn" and "Africa Speaks."

According to Mr. Cottar, Martin Johnson, the noted game hunter, the present king of England, the Duke of Windsor, George Petty of the "Petty Girls," and several movie actors have used their guide service. Mr. Cottar gave a most entertaining narrative with his picture and invited keen discussion from the fascinated audience. We learned that he is also an ex-Navy man and former patient at this hospital. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Cottar for one of the most entertaining programs we have had occasion to see.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

23 July

GRIMM, Barbara Gail, to wife of Bill Grimm, Sgt., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
 WILLIAMS, Richard Edward, to wife of William C. Williams, LTJG, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

CARLSON, Robert Theodore, to wife of Harold Carlson, LCDR, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 PIRTLE, Beverly Jean, to wife of Thomas Pirtle SD1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

24 July

KOEBERLEIN, James Wendell, to wife of Sylvester Koerberlein, ADC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

SMITH, Kelly James, to wife of Richard Smith, DKS, 6 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.  
 KLIPPEL, Baby Girl, to wife of Randolph Klippel, CDR, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

WILSEY, Baby Boy to wife of Howard Wilsey, AMAN 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

25 July

WELLS, Herbert Henry, to wife of George Wells, AD1, 1 pound, 1 ounce.

ROCKCASTLE, Holley Ann, to wife of Charles Rockcastle ENS, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
 GREENE, Robert Alan, to wife of George Greene, Cpl., 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

WILSON, John David, to wife of David Wilson, Cpl., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

DAVIS, Glenda Jean, to wife of Carl Davis, AN, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

GANNON John Edgar, Jr., to wife of John Gannon, HM2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

JONES, Kathleen Ann, to wife of William Jones, RM3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

26 July

BURRIOS, Phyllis Jean, to wife of Herbert Burrios, AD1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

BUNGAYAO, Sally Ann, to wife of Apolonio Bungcayao, SD3, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

ROUEN, Jeanne Lee, to wife of Robert L. Rouen, LCDR, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

GEORGE, Ronald Paul, to wife of Herbert George, MMC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

STRICKLAND, Glenn Edward, to wife of Joseph Strickland, ENFN, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

HUGHES, Robert Michael, to wife of Robert Hughes, AD1, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

BUCKMAN, Baby Girl, to wife of Joseph Buckman, AD2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

LEMEN, Jody Nora Mae, to wife of Clifford Lemen, QM2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

27 July

MUEHL, Kathleen Renee, to wife of Michael Muehl, CS2, 7 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.

FUDGER, Pamela Elizabeth, to wife of Frederick Fudger, T/Sgt., 5 pounds, 1 ounce.

THODE, Carol Georgie, to wife of George Thode, LCDR, 8 pounds.

LEWIS, Don Edward III, to wife of Don E. Lewis, Jr. Bos'n, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

HALL, Janet Elizabeth, to wife of John Hall, AM1, 6 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

CARTER, Baby Boy, to wife of John Carter, AN, 5 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.

McMULLIN, Kathleen Ann, to wife of Eugene McMullin, SO1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

28 July

HALLAM, Anne Evelyn, to wife of Richard Hallam, Ch.Gunner, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

FRANKLIN, Beverly Jean, to wife of Richard Franklin, HM1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

ROBERTS, Wayne Stewart, to wife of Conrad Roberts, MM1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

POPPELTON, Thomas Teal, to wife of Lester Poppleton, FC3, 7 pounds.

## Even Dozen Babies Sets New Record

Oak Knoll's record for the woman with the largest family was raised to 12 when 32-year-old Mrs. Joseph Buckman gave birth to 6 pound, 8 ounce Charles Irene here on Wednesday, 26 July. The child was Mrs. Buckman's seventh girl and fourth child born at this hospital.

Only one set of twins, Joan and Jean, who were born at this hospital on 15 July of last year, were included in the births. Other girls are Agnes, 14; Marietta, 7; Betty, 4; Carol, 2; the twins, and Charles Irene. Carol was also born at this hospital.

In addition to the seven girls, Mrs. Buckman has borne five boys: Gerald, 16; Canty, 12; Darrell, 11; Ronnie, 10; and Paul, 8.

Joseph Buckman, husband of the record-breaker, has been in the service for five years and is now an AD2 stationed at NAS.



## Who's Who . . .

When he first enlisted in the Navy on 14 October, 1949, in Atlanta, Georgia, L. J. Mitchell, DN, had high visions of a life composed almost entirely of wine, women, and song, with special emphasis upon all three. To his chagrin, however, he now finds that wine costs money and he can't sing, which leaves only women.



By choosing and discarding carefully he hopes to find and retain those few lucky women who have money to buy wine and who could, possibly, teach him to sing.

Although he enlisted in the Cracker State, Mitchell is a native Alabamian, having been born and raised in Munford of that state. He arrived at Oak Knoll on 28 June, 1950.

After attending the University of Utah for two years, James G. Becker, HN, on ward 61B, decided that nothing could beat the Navy life and so reenlisted in that state's capital on 5 June, 1950. He served from 7 March, 1946 to 6 January, 1948 as a corpsman before accepting his discharge to attend college.



During his first enlistment, Becker served at Great Lakes, Portsmouth, Virginia, USNH, Sampson, New York, and at St. Albans Naval Hospital, also in New York. In his current cruise, Oak Knoll is his first duty station, arriving here on 22 June from Treasure Island.

"I'm just an average American, there's not a thing special about me," said Oscar C. Breedlove, Jr., HN on ward 61B, when interviewed for this column. He likes all sports played in this country, and has participated in the majority of them at one time or another, he finished school before enlisting, likes to tinker with old



radios, and does as little as possible in his spare time, just as every person considered "average" does.

A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Breedlove enlisted there and plans to return when his tour of duty shall be finished. He began his days as a sailor on 16 January, 1948 and arrived at this hospital on 1 July, 1948 from Corps School in San Diego.

The boy had brought his girl friend to his home for the week end. The two of them were occupying the living room one night when the boy's mother in the next room got jittery. "What are you doing in there?" she asked.

"Nothing, Mother," answered the young man.

"Humph," said the mother, going back to her knitting. "Getting more like your father every day."

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By GLENN W. OBERLIN

Now, my friends, if you think that you are a wheel, just take a gander at the "Magnolia News," hometown newspaper of Fred Bostrom, erstwhile worker in the staff post office. According to this well informed news journal, Swede is a sanitation expert who is about to graduate from a school with the rank of ENS (JG). Next thing you know, he'll have bell hops for the letters he delivers.

Shortly, in a month or so, there will be a Staff Enlisted Recreation Center for all the hind wheels of the compound. (Hind wheels, you know, push the vehicle). The center is to be located in 25B, a building at the bottom of the hill, which was thoughtful of them. I don't believe it will be a whatchamacallit . . . "Gin Mill," but a nice place where one can rest, dance to a juke box, watch TV, and spend an inexpensive (darned cheap) evening with a girl. See you all at the opening.

Everyday, slowly but surely, the old familiar landmarks are disappearing. Speaking, of course, about guys like Chuck Hasson, Chief Schloeman, and many other faces that were more than familiar to the Oak Knoll staff. Little can be said about their departure with one exception, Chuck, who was, shall we say, regulation. He, it seems, was seen walking down the hill for the last time with his hat in his hand and an expression of happy contentment on his face. To the many who are leaving, a hearty farewell and a happy return.

Attention, please: Will everyone please keep their nasty, naughty little hands off Stephens' new Ford auto. Please, girls. Don't laugh.

I had something here about the night log which is turned into Miss Jorgenson, Chief Nurse. . . Ah, here it is: Patient complaining all day about everything. Nice, concise and fluent medical terminology for a nurse.

How many times, a few weeks ago, did I hear complaints about Oak Knoll? And how many times in recent moments have I heard how nice it was and how everyone just "loves" it? "Just can't stand to leave the place," wonder why?

## Bob Hawke Quiz Show Gives Camel Cigarettes

Cigarettes from the Bob Hawke Quiz Show, courtesy of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, were distributed to the patients of this hospital last week by members of the American Red Cross, who were responsible for their distribution.

The cigarettes, 1500 packages of Camels, are given away to some Veteran or Service Hospital every week on the program. The packages distributed last week were given away on the 26 June broadcast. Each patient is scheduled to receive one pack.

An epitaph to an Army mule:  
"In memory of Maggie, a mule, who in her lifetime kicked 1 General, 4 Colonels, 2 Majors, 10 Captains, 24 Lieutenants, 42 Sergeants, 454 Privates, and 1 bomb."



Doctor William H. Riley, left, Hospitalization Officer for the Veterans Administration, made his annual inspection of the hospital last Thursday. On the orthopedic ward he paused to talk with Robert A. Roberts. With them are Richard A. Springer, Contact Representative in charge of the VA office here, and CDR C. R. Carr, head of the Orthopedic Service.

## Welcome and Farewell

Seven persons reported aboard and 38 were detached during the week of 26 July to 2 August. Those being detached were CDR R. B. Johnson, to USS BENEVOLENCE; CDR W. E. Allen, to USS REPOSE; CDR G. M. Bell, CDR W. S. Francis, and LTJG F. D. Fuller, to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California; CDR A. Zikmund, to Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia; LTJG T. F. Spindler, to Naval School of Aviation Medicine, NAS, Pensacola, Florida; CWOHC L. J. Hall, to USNH, Mare Island; LCDR Bertha R. Evans, to USNH, Bremerton, Washington; LT Pauline F. Bargion, to Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia; ENS Dorothy D. Venverloh, to USS BENEVOLENCE; ENS Margaret H. Adams and ENS Mary E. Ketter, to Naval Hospital, Naval Medical Center, Guam, M. I.; ENS Jane Dudinski, ENS Betty L. Gregorio, ENS Lillis L. Stoops, and ENS Lucy I. Tarvin, to USS CONSOLATION; R. G. Lundgreen, HM1, C. Hasson, HM1, E. N. Estrem, HM2, P. L. Harmer, HM3, W. K. Bowling, HM3, M. L. Platt, HM3, R. W. Glass, HM3, J. N. McGavock, HM3, and HN's W. R. Bates, G. L. Dunn, R. G. Durbin, J. L. Gorman, E. C. Hager, R. G. Knight, J. S. Wood, J. S. Philpot, and W. B. Sprague, to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

Reporting aboard were CDR A. L. Schultz, from USNH, Long Beach, California; LTJG Elinor Bennett, from USS GENERAL G. M. RANDALL; LT Jervace L. Crouse, from NMMC, Bethesda; LT Myrtle M. Teisserire, from Columbia University, New York, New York; CWOHC R. H. Giles, from Naval Supply Depot, Guam; J. R. Davi, HN, from USNH, San Diego; and C. N. Poor, HN, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Vulcanus, the Roman god of fire, suggested to modern man the appropriate name of volcano for such erupting giants as the Mauna Loa in Hawaii.

## PREVIEWS

**Sunday, 6 August**  
**MY BLUE HEAVEN**—Betty Grable, Dan Dailey. Musical melodrama performed in technicolor. This is the story of a successful show business couple, Molly and Jack. They want a child desperately and when Molly loses her expectant baby they arrange for a baby by adoption. However, the supervisor does not approve of the surroundings, so Molly and Jack plunge into their new television show until Molly's unwed hired girl arranges to give them her baby.

**Monday, 7 August**  
**MONTANA**—Errol Flynn, Alexis Smith. Flynn, presented as an Australian who emigrated to America, encamps with his stock at the line across which the cattlemen have forbidden sheep to cross. Posing as a merchant he enters the town and almost succeeds in his mission without bloodshed. However, the cattle people will have none of this and in an exciting stampede and gun fight, Flynn and his men win out.

**Tuesday, 8 August**  
**PANIC IN THE STREETS**—Paul Douglas, Richard Widmark. Richard Widmark heads the cast as the doctor from the U. S. Public Health Service who stumbles upon the murdered body of an alien carrying the plague. Paul Douglas is the police captain grudgingly working under the mayor's orders to help the doctor round up all who have come in contact with the unknown man.

**Wednesday, 9 August**  
**COW TOWN**—Gene Autry. No available information.

**Thursday, 10 August**  
**50 YEARS BEFORE YOUR EYES**—News Headliners. The spirit of the first half of the 20th century has been caught well in this feature-length news-reel version of history. Attempts were made to include scenes of all characteristic moods of the American people. Naturally much of the footage is dominated by war and its attending circumstances.

**Friday, 11 August**  
**UNION STATION**—William Holden, Nancy Olsen. After getting off to a flying start in which the fact of a kidnapping is quickly and arresting established, this melodrama slows down to a walk and winds up strictly according to formula. It builds up into fast action momentarily a couple of times but the lulls between the high points dissipate suspense.

**Saturday, 12 August**  
**OH YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL**—Mark Stevens, June Haver. Miss Haver, the daughter of an opera composer, played by S. Z. "Cuddles" Sakall, finds herself in love with a song plugger, Mark Stevens. The latter shows little interest in her but much in her father's music which he finds he can "rag-up" into popular tunes.

Two drunks looking up at the sky wondering like, so finally one called a third drunk to their side. "Shay," he said, "Could you tell us if that is the moon coming up or the sun going down?"

After deep concentration, the third drunk answered, "Shorry pal, I can't shay. Shtranger in town myself."



# CPO's Capture Hospital Flag On Forfeit Win

Robert Lyons' Chief Petty Officers were assured of the pennant for the Intra-Departmental Softball League Wednesday morning when he met with M. H. Meyers of the faltering N.P. Techs, and decided to let the forfeited games between the two teams stand without replays, thus giving the Chiefs a 14-4 record and pushing them two games in front of the N.P.'s.

The decision was reached when the N.P. Techs were forced to forfeit Tuesday night's game because no players were present for the game.

With the majority of their team having been transferred, the Officers were forced Monday to forfeit the rest of their games and withdraw from the league. The six games forfeited pushed them into fifth spot, well behind the Administration Building and CSR who advanced as a result of the forfeitures.

The Civilians also dropped from the league Monday afternoon when it became apparent that enough men could not attend the remaining games.

Both the AdMen of R. J. Underwood and the CSRs of George Schroder were benefited by the withdrawals. The AdMen won three games by the forfeits to jump into third spot and the Central Supply Representatives took two to leap the Officers and go into fourth.

Plans for the All-Star-Peon game have not been completed as yet, but the time and date will be announced in both the plan of the day and The Oak Leaf.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
CPO Club	14	4	.777	—
N.P. Techs	13	7	.650	2
Administration	10	9	.526	4 1/2
CSR	8	9	.470	5 1/2
Officers	9	11	.450	6 1/2
Civilians	1	19	.050	14

FINAL BATTING LEADERS					
	GP	AB	R	H	Pct.
Hunter, Admen	9	30	15	16	.533
Beer, Officers	8	31	12	16	.516
Lyons, CPO	10	32	17	16	.500
Harmer, N.P. Techs	13	45	25	22	.488
Martin, CPO	11	34	14	15	.441

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## Unanimous All-Stars



ROBERT LYONS

PAUL HARMER

CHARLES BANCROFT

## All-Star Softballers Named

*AdMen Place 4; CPO's 3 On First Nine*

Three persons were unanimously elected to the All Star team when the managers of the teams met with Coach J. A. Reginato and the editor of the Oak Leaf Friday, 28 July, in the Welfare and Recreation office.

Those elected unanimously were Paul Harmer, N.P., at second; Robert Lyons, CPO, at shortstop, and C. E. Bancroft, Officers, in left field. Harmer was a shortstop during regular play, but because of the weakness at the keystone sack, and with Lyons at shortstop, he was shifted to second.

D. H. Parrish, newcomer to the Administration Building's team, M. H. Meyers, control chucker for the N.P.'s, and G. H. Huffman, left-handed tosser for the Chiefs, were selected as pitchers, with an honorary vote going to Mr. Wolfe, chucking sensation of the N.P.'s who dislocated his elbow in a game with CSR early in the season.

Al Barnes, strong-armed catcher for the AdMen got the nod for the backstopping position over H. J. Francisco of the CPO's and Eddie Estrada of CSR, and after a long debate, it was decided that R. J. Underwood, also of the AdMen, warranted first base over W. L. Thomas of the Officers.

With Harmer grabbing second base, L. F. Betoney of the Chief Petty Officers came off with second honors for that position, as did M. Crotzer, CSR, at shortstop. Although it wasn't unanimous, D. C. Beer, Officers, took third base from E. D. Kelley of the N.P.'s.

The outfield positions were the hardest of the group to choose, with so many good-fielding, hard-hitting men to choose from. The first string was fairly easy, but the second string took long debates. For the first team it wound up with Bancroft in left, A. K. Hunter, of the AdMen, in center, and C. O. Martin, of the Chiefs, in right. Second string went to E. B. Turner, CSR, in left, D. E. Storms, N. P.'s, in center, and W. E. Gross of the AdMen in right.

## Alameda Golfers Down Locals 10-5

After winning their three previous starts, the Oak Knoll golfers ran up against Ole Man Odds Thursday, 27 July, and were dumped by the NAS. Alameda team, 10 to 5, in a match which featured close, evenly matched games.

In one of the best games played during the day, LT Bob Ware of the locals was shaded, 73 to 77, by Osborne, low-scorer of the victors, to drop all three points. Henry Nugent, the galloping golfer who won the Mare Island Invitational recently, brought those back when he defeated Dutcher, 75 to 82, to take three points and up his season's total to 11 for the four matches played.

In the third match of the day, LTJG J. H. Spence was pushed into a half point when Neal slipped by him with one stroke less, 76 to 77, and CDR Milton Kurzkrok completed the scoring for the Knollites when he split points with Baker, both garnering 1 1/2 on 83's. Captain G. H. Ekblad's 85 was nullified when Reale, his opponent, came through with a sparkling 76.

## Casaba Teams Hold Drill Tilts, Need More Men

Five teams have now been formed to participate in the Intra-Departmental Basketball League which is scheduled to start soon. The five teams are: Welfare and Recreation under Coach Joe Reginato; Administration Building, under J. Charles Stevenson; Dental Clinic, Jack Nicholson; Night Crew, Bob Cooper; and a group of "Independents" raised by Eddie Grijalva.

No schedule of play has been drawn up as yet, but the teams are now having practice sessions and are formulating plans for play.

Reginato, coach of the WelanRec, came out with the strongest statement in favor of his team when he declared that "Welfare and Recreation will take the pennant, from all comers." They could well do it, too, with the team being composed of several Pirate players of last year.

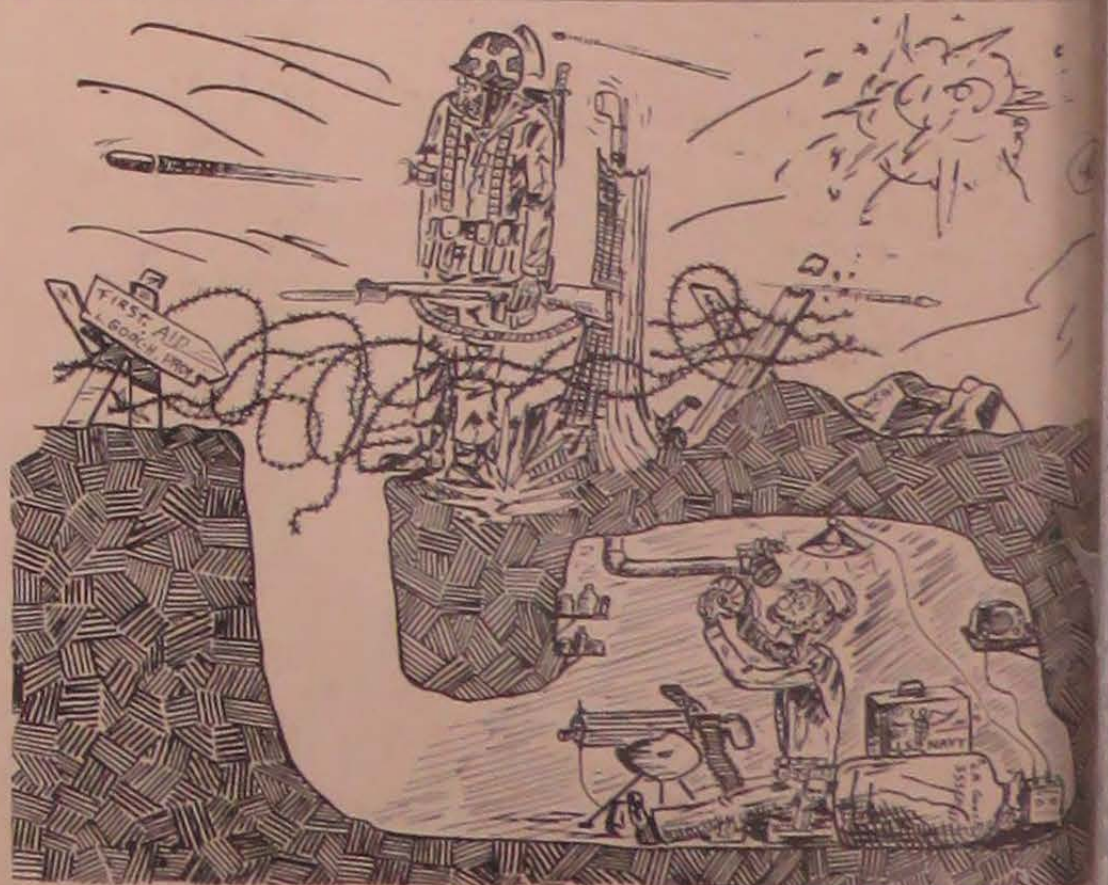
In spite of Reginato's statement, the Night Crew appears to be the team to watch. With their manager, Big Bob Cooper (the Old Chickasaw Coop of last year) at the pivot post and little George "Shank" Young, two-handed set-shot artist, at guard, they have a team which will be more than tough to beat.

Although beaten by the WelanRec in their first outing, the Dental Clinic showed promise, especially in their center, long and lanky F. R. Hoffman. As for the rest of the team, they are hustlers, though short.

The AdMen of diminutive Charles Stevenson's could finish well up in the standings, but again the size is missing. Both Gerald Zilch and Stevenson played for the Pirates of last year, and both are fiery ball hawk, but against such men as Cooper, Lindblad, of WelanRec, and Hoffman, something more than fire must be on hand.

Eddie Grijalva's Independents are the dark horses of the league. According to advance propaganda from their manager, they will easily cop the flag. They haven't suffered through any games though, so their possibilities are still unknown.

League play was originally scheduled to begin on the 21st of the month, but with the sudden collapse of the Softball League, it may be moved forward.







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## Wedding Bells Ring For Three Corpsmen Final Picnic To Be Held Sunday

Three well known Corpsmen of the Hospital Staff were married during the past week end.

In the first of the three weddings E. P. Jarman, HN, corpsman on Ward 60B took as his bride the former Flo Buck of Oakland. The nuptials were performed at an Albany church at 2100 on Friday. Mrs. Richard Clark, the bride's sister was matron of honor and Mr. Clark acted as best man. Following the ceremony the happy couple spent a short honeymoon at Santa Cruz.

In a double ring ceremony performed by Chaplain F. J. Klass, at the station chapel, Miss Bettye Ann Cecil of Louisville, Kentucky, and William A. Mullens were united in marriage on Saturday, 5 August. Joe Goodin, SKAN, of Alameda, acted as best man, and Miss Nadine Juliano as maid of honor. The bride's mother accompanied her daughter from Louisville to attend the wedding.

In St. Elizabeth's Church of Oakland, George A. Schroder, HN, of CSR, took the former Laudela Alameda of Oakland as his bride. Friends of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Caudillo, were best man and matron of honor. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Bob Alameda, wore a gown of white satin. The couple will reside temporarily with the bride's parents.

### Gunman Steals Show In Play "The Mirror"

In their special preview of "The Mirror," presented at this hospital on Friday, 4 August, the Meridian Players, a local group of professional radio and television performers, put across a psychological drama about a fictitious gunman who commits a fictitious murder in a fictitious Psychology Professor's home, who, rather than turn the fictitious murderer in to some fictitious police, persuades him to commit a fictitious suicide.

The acting by the performers in all cases was better than average, especially so in the case of the gunman, as portrayed by Allison Gowin. Whether he had had previous experience as a gunman is unknown, but Gowin gave a very thorough and convincing portrayal of a depraved and maniacal person who commits the unforgiveable sin of murdering his moll, Gloria Midralls.

For the Meridian Players, giving performances of this nature is more or less of a hobby to enhance their acting ability for their professional roles in radio or television.

### Civilian Workers Give Beneficial Tips

Two civilian workers of this compound were given ten and fifteen dollar awards by the Commanding Officer for beneficial suggestions on 1 August 1950.

Bernard Garcia, head gardener here, was given fifteen dollars for his suggestion whereby the lower athletic field could be completely watered in four days instead of the six it has required. His idea is to place the guide wires for the mobile lawn-sprinkler in a U-shaped position which will allow the sprinkler to go down the field and, at the apex of its travels, turn and go back across the field on a path some distance removed from its former route.

Edward F. Groff, carpenter, submitted and was rewarded for suggesting a means whereby doors would not be warped while in storage. He proposed to build a rack wherein doors not in use could be stored, thus preventing warping and facilitating selection of doors to be used.

Awards for suggestions which speed up work, alleviate bottlenecks, or make a job easier, are given periodically to civilian workers in accordance with the Beneficial Suggestion System of the Navy. They are designed to improve work and promote interest on jobs.

### Chicago Firm Helps Reno Thrive

By Armed Forces Press Service

An enterprising firm in Chicago is manufacturing gadgets to make sure the "honest" operator isn't bilked of his "hard-earned" winnings. Below are a few of the products as quoted from the firm's catalogue.

"We will fill any five-eighths or smaller dice that are sent to us, or do special work to order, at the following prices." Then they list: Load-~~ing~~ white dice with mercury, \$4.50 each; special "non-detectable" gold and platinum loading for transparent dice, \$15 each.

Another fast seller in the firm's listing is "cap" dice. These are little sweethearts. As the company expresses it, they "will baffle even the most critical expert." You can order them to "bust out on seven" or to "pass," whichever you desire.

For the card players, they list eyeglasses with a rose hue to read all sorts of specialized "work" on the backs of cards, and various preparations for card marking.

Did you ever take a chance on a punchboard? Well, here's the score

### Liberty Restful At Bluejacket's Haven

One of the most unpublicized, yet most accommodating places for service men wishing to rest and relax in liberty hours is the Bluejackets Haven, maintained by the Navy Mothers' Club No. 13.

The club, located at 2703 Telegraph Avenue in Oakland, is a former private residence which has been converted into a place where members of the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps can spend quiet liberty hours. Dormitories on the second floor provide a place where the visitors may sleep late in quiet, clean surroundings.

One of the lesser known facts of the place is that visiting relatives may stay there while visiting service men in the area. Private rooms on the third floor are provided for mothers, fathers, wives, brothers, and sisters who are visiting service men and a large kitchen for cooking or preparing lunches is available to them.

Among the features for recreation are dancing, pool, cards, and a place for writing letters, as well as a large lounge. Dances are also held at regular intervals with lovely hostesses on hand to insure everyone a good time.

Get out the umbrellas, the ant poison, the calamine lotion, and anything else which is deemed advisable in cases of extreme emergency, because the fourth, and final, staff picnic is about to be held.

Tomorrow, Sunday, 13 August, the second picnic for Port Watch personnel will be held, this time at Redwood Regional Park, scene of both of the Starboard outings. There, in the shady and spacious Orchard Area, will be the food and drink and entertainment which everyone longs for.

Instead of a bus, which usually takes the poorer corpsmen to the picnic area, there will be a station wagon from Welfare and Recreation. Naturally there wouldn't be as much space in the station wagon, so those planning on attending, and using Navy transportation, should be at the Community Service Building early. The vehicle is scheduled to leave at 1100, and if there are more people than space on hand, a return trip will be made at 1200.

Attendance at the picnics has steadily fallen off, and for that reason, a smaller amount of food and beverages will be on hand at the forthcoming picnic. However much there is, or however many persons decide to come, there will still be ample amounts for everyone.

### Music Union, Trust Fund Give Free Ward Shows

Through the combined efforts of Mr. S. R. Rosenbaum, Trustee for the Music Performance Trust Fund, and Mr. Edward Moore, President of Musician's Union Local No. 6, a show is presented every week on various wards by amateur and professional performers who donate their talents as well as their time to making the life of a bed-patient more tenable. To these people, as well as to the doctors, and nurses, and corpsmen, go much of the credit for "keeping as many men at as many guns for as many days as possible."

### Returning Vets Retain All Educational Rights

Washington (AFPS)—World War II veterans who return to military service in the present expansion of Armed Forces will be eligible for continued education rights under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, the VA recently announced.

Veterans who have embarked on studies which are interrupted by a return to military duty, said the VA, will not be affected by the cutoff date, July 25, 1951.

in that chump-game. This Chicago outfit will sell punchboards for 40 cents. Two hundred punches at 10 cents each will reap \$20. But still better is their \$1.75 number. On this one there's a key word which will tell your friends where the pay-off punch is. But why tell your friends? Punch it out yourself and put any old name next to it. The rest is clear profit and the suckers haven't a chance.

Let us now get real expensive. For the small sum of \$150, you can own a "card machine." This gadget is connected around the waistband of your trousers and has an attachment running up your body and down your coat sleeve. Simply by moving your knees you can flip out any card you need to fill a straight or a full house. Pretty slick, too.

Want to know the catch to all this? Above products are for sale only to those on the company's special list. That means you must be a professional gambler or own a gambling house.

See, brother Servicemen, you can't win.



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## Entire Hospital Staff Thanked

August 2, 1950.

Dear Captain Cook:

Until a little over two years ago, I knew hospitals only through working in them, but I doubt if you have any other patient who is more qualified to speak about your whole organization, for I do not believe there is a single department that hasn't done some work on us. I have been admitted five times since the first of the year.

One knows that the Navy does a wonderful job taking care of the men, but I am speaking from the point of view of a dependent. We had an emergency here a short time ago when my husband was stricken with ptomaine poisoning and you can never know how much it meant when I called your hospital and got such instant help, and the confidence it gave me to see Harry go off in your ambulance to the good care there.

I shall not attempt to give names, for the list would have to include too many, from the guards at the gate to the various heads of departments, but please extend my thanks to everyone, and congratulations on the very fine spirit of your organization.

Sincerely yours,

HELEN L. NEED

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Almighty God Himself instituted Marriage in the Garden of Paradise. It remained for Christ, His Divine Son, to raise marriage to the dignity of a Sacrament.

Many people have shut God out and even have gone to the extreme; some even forget that marriage is a business proposition. It is that. It is a partnership for life. It is a contract. The mutual consent made before competent witnesses implies sufficient capital to operate the establishment, and this will vary with individuals. To contract marriage on the theory that "two can live as cheaply as one," or that love is all that is required, is the height of folly. Without provisions for the necessary capital to run it, any business will go bankrupt. Marriage is no exception, and bankruptcy in marriage means unhappiness for all concerned.

The question of \$\$\$ is very important, it should be considered before marriage. No one should marry without reasonable prospect of being able to get sufficient funds for the upkeep of a home. To marry with the idea that family allowances may be enacted again, is poor business. The sailor who runs a day late and a dollar short risks even the loss of normal pay ... he may go to the extreme and have to pay a fine.

Since marriage is primarily intended for the propagation of the race and rearing of children, it means that the mother should be supported in the performance of those duties.

She cannot bring children into the world and rear them properly while working outside the home. If a man cannot support his wife, then he ought to wait before he marries.

FRANCIS JOHN KLASS  
LCDR, ChC, USN

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:  
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)  
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings



Patients at the opening of the Red Cross Lounge listen in rapt attention as Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer, gives a short talk on the merits of "hobbies as a means of loafing," to welcome the various Sportsmen's groups which were on hand with exhibitions and demonstrations. Discernable to the left of the Captain are Miss K. White, director of lounge activities, and Mr. C. E. Wilson, Chairman of the Hospital Committee for District Council No. 3. In the bottom picture is Tom Robson and Pal, the "Talking Dog." Although no distinguishable words came from the dog's mouth, his bark made his thoughts and wants plain. In his act, Pal added five column figures, divided simple numbers, multiplied, and subtracted ... all from numbers the audience dictated.

The opening program of the new Red Cross recreation lounge was presented Monday evening, August 7, by the Hospital Committee for District Council No. 3 of the Associated Sportsmen, under the leadership of Mr. C. E. Wilson, chairman. Miss Catherine White, Red Cross staff worker in charge of the lounge, started the program with a "thank-you" to the Commanding Officer and to the Navy for making such a beautiful recreation center possible for the use of the Red Cross ambulatory activities. Captain Sterling Cook responded in the spirit of the occasion and commended the Sportsmen for their interest as evidenced by their program of ward and lounge shows, emphasizing the importance of a hobby interest to every man, something not necessarily profitable but pleasurable, the ability to "loaf and love it."

The various Sportsmen's Clubs then proceeded to present the evening's entertainment, each with an excellent hobby interest:

The San Leandro Sportsmen were represented by William Fenion, chairman, and by Tom Calder and William Shephard, who had an exhibit of guns, both antique and modern, and of fishing equipment featuring glass rods and nylon line.

The Hayward Sportsmen's Club was represented by Clarence Wilson and William Patnod, who demonstrated the use of equipment for fly, black bass, and striped bass fishing.

Fred Schmalenberger, chairman, and Frank Ucovich, president, of the Alameda Rod and Gun Club, exhibited old firearms and pistols.

Harold Macquarrie, chairman of the Sequoia Archers, presented an interesting demonstration of making bow strings. Other club members displayed arrows and arrowheads.

A feature attraction was Tom Robson from Martinez, accompanied by the world's greatest talking dog, "Pal," a Belgian Shepherd. He was sponsored by the Martinez Sportsmen's Club in the person of Gene Fields. Pal, a mathematical wizard, performed many remarkable feats to

the amazement of the audience. He proved to be most entertaining as well as a popular guest.

### SKATING ON THIN ICE???

The management of the current Ice Follies in San Francisco has generously offered space for groups of patients from this hospital under Red Cross sponsorship. Six patients from ward 62A, Mr. JOHN MAHON, veteran, CLIFFORD TRENT, SN, SOL FLEMING, SN, GEORGE GIBBS, FN, HUGH PARKS, SA, LAURENCE RUT, SA, took advantage of this opportunity to attend the spectacle last Wednesday night. Berkeley Motor Corps provided the transportation and the reports from the men indicate everyone had a gay evening. Other excursions are being planned by the recreation workers for their wards.

### CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

HAROLD B. WILSON, veteran, has charge of an active cribbage tournament on 60A. Other competing patients are D. C. CANTRELL, SN, MORLEY TEASDALE, S/Sgt, and WILLIAM LEARY, veteran. These men are eager for interested cribbage players to sign up and join the fun.

A couple of farmers were discussing the drought. One fellow had some wheat he managed to harvest and said, "The drought sure made the wheat short this year."

"Short!" the other farmer answered, "Why say, I had to lather mine to mow it."



## Who's Who . . .

Having lived the majority of his years in the far off hills of Idaho, it is only natural that John E. Smith, HM3, of the Brace Shop, should find more pleasure in that than anything he has yet encountered.



When one has hunted the bear and the elk and the deer which abound in that part of the country, all other activities naturally seem dull and un-lively by comparison.

John Smith, no relation to the captain of the same name, first joined the Navy on 15 December 1944 and after sweating out the war, received his discharge on 6 July 1946. After spending the intervening months deciding the life of a civilian wasn't for him, Smitty rejoined in Spokane, Washington, on 1 March 1948.

Smith is married and is currently living at 3037 Capp Street in Oakland. His wife, LaVearna, is a former Stockton girl whom he lured away from her natural surroundings.

It isn't that "E" "J" Stanphill, HN, Leave and Liberty, is too lazy or dumb to spell out his entire first names, it's simply that he doesn't have any. "E" and "J" are the only names he was given when born. Not Eajay, but "E" "J", as in Ebenezer Jeremiah.



However his name may eventually turn out, Stanphill was born in Arkansas' capital, Little Rock. Not wishing to join the Navy in such a large place, he went to Berryville, same state, to sign the dotted line, on 9 July 1948. Following his adventures in Boot Camp and Corps School, he was transferred to Mare Island, from where he came to Oak Knoll on 8 June of this year.

Russell A. Hermanson, HM3, in the Welfare and Recreation department, has a very unique hobby: females between the ages of 16 to 60. It could, undoubtedly, become embarrassing at times, he says, but it is fun.



Hermie, as he is called by those who don't know his full name, moved to Modesto, California in 1936 from Nebraska, and has lived there since. He joined the Navy on 1 July 1948 and following Boot Camp and Corps School, he went to Mare Island where he also worked in the Welfare and Recreation department. He came to Oak Knoll on 13 June of this year. In spite of his hobby, Hermie is not married, and because of his hobby, he has no plans for marriage.

The sweet potato is considered the national food of the Ryukyu Islands, now occupied by American military forces based on Okinawa.

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By GLENN W. OBERLIN

Any day now I expect to see a very strong and very grim gallows being erected for the benefit of any soul that might be foolish and careless enough to flip a cigarette butt on the decks of our "palace in the sky" HCQ. Let this serve as a warning to those readers who don't believe in gentle hints; never flip your butt in the wrong place, or you may get it in the end.

Muster, muster, muster!!! Never mustered so many times in my life. Three musters in one hour is a record, no matter where one may be. Oh, yes. Welcome aboard, Keefe.

Some people are just naturally good-hearted. And such is the case with N. B. Vanderlaag, HN of the Artificial Limb Department who was acting as errand boy for some two or three hundred starving corpsmen the other night. Although his services are handy, I'm glad that I'm not hungry every night. It could become expensive.

Dwight "Pinkie" Adamson of 63B has noticed of late that his whites are turning a nice, clear pink shade. Maybe someone should tell the boy that you can't wash dainty underthings with whites . . . even with Duz. (Supposing, of course, that he does wash dainty underthings.) It just don't work.

Many and many are the corpsmen who are tying the supposedly unbreakable knot. Last week end three of them joined the exclusive fraternity (or is it sorority?) and only yesterday, Friday, another bit the dust. Naturally, we wish them all the luck in the world. And from what I've heard of that institution, they need it.

With the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center soon to be opened, some of the hangovers, now quite frequent, should be gone forever and a day. Certainly nobody wants them, but when one doesn't have anywhere else to meet and entertain friends, what can one do?

Congratulations, Bostrom!

## Dancing Classes Added to Play Center's Programs

Dancing was added to the curriculum of the Oak Knoll Cooperative Play Center Tuesday evening, July 25, at 9:30, with Mr. Paul Baum of the Halprin-Lathrop Studio of San Francisco teaching the class. A half-hour's instruction is given to children interested in that form of creative art. Classes are limited to 10 students but an additional class or two will be added if enrollment warrants it.

The Oak Knoll Cooperative Play Center is located in East Bay State Park at 96th Avenue and Mountain Blvd., Oakland, and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, for children from the ages of two to five years. Youngsters desiring to do so may bring their lunches on Thursday and remain at school until 4:30 p.m.

Enrollments are now being taken by Mrs. Claude McEntyre, 1762 143rd Avenue, San Leandro, Lockhaven 8-7660.

## Welcome and Farewell

Thirty-seven persons reported aboard and 26 were detached during the week of 3 to 10 August. Those being detached were LTJG L. J. Frank, to NAS, Agana, Guam; LTJG S. C. Myers, to Mine Squadron One; LTJG Rosemary C. Neville, to PacResFlt, Mare Island; ENS Florence E. Farrell, to USS REPOSE; V. T. Thompson, HM1, R. V. Deal, HM2, M. J. Connolly, J. P. Crovo, A. D. Heinz, N. B. Hart, W. A. Kersey, and E. B. Turner, HM3's, HN's G. A. Atkinson, A. L. Boucha, O. C. Breedlove, G. J. Craig, C. D. Deen, M. E. Fulwider, W. H. Gulick, D. R. Lehman, B. J. Lowry, R. P. Miller, and D. E. Storms, to MSTs, San Francisco; E. H. Fenwick, HA, to 100 Harrison St., San Francisco; and D. L. Simmons, HN, and R. L. Cooper, HA, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reporting aboard were LTJG M. W. Long, from USNH, Long Beach, Calif.; from Inactive Duty came LT JG L. G. Beckhem, LT Harriet P. Estabrook, LT Dorothy Janssen, and LTJG Elsie Gravdahl; R. E. Hild, HMC, from patient status; R. L. Scott, HMC, from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; E. A. Kane, YNC, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; T. R. Hockenberry, HM1, NAS, Denver, Colorado; F. L. Prosser, HM3, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; T. Wilson, HM2, and C. B. McClen-don, HM3, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; R. D. Carrig, HM3, from MSD, Oakland; W. K. Webster, DA, from USNTC, San Diego; and from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, came HN's K. D. Holtzclaw, and H. J. McBairty, HA's F. B. Aungst, W. A. Brown, M. D. Cook, T. L. Floyd, W. E. West, B. B. Hook, W. Jefferson, V. D. King, E. R. Neville, K. L. Simmons, J. M. Smith, B. M. Varnell, S. L. Bowles, R. Cameron, O. C. Rosback, W. Webb, C. F. Langworthy, W. H. Hinton, K. A. Mike-sell, C. D. Rightsell and J. A. Sanchez.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

30 July  
POWELL, Robert Edward, Jr., to wife of Robert Powell, EM3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
OWENS, Hinton Allen II, to wife of Hinton Owens, CDR, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.  
PERREE, Linda Fay, to wife of Philip Perree, FN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
VORISE, Baby Girl, to wife of George Vorise, TN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

31 July  
GRAHAM, Katherine Lorraine, to wife of Denver Graham, BM2, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
FREIBURGER, Douglas Lee, to wife of Walter Freiburger, AO1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
HOOD, Thomas Luther, to wife of Richard Hood, LTJG, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

1 August  
MEIDE, Robert James, to wife of James Meide, AA, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.  
BEER, Steven Bradley, to wife of Emil Beer, AGC, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
BUTLER, Beverly Virginia, to wife of John Butler, MM2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
ARNEMANN, Baby Boy, to wife of James Arnemann, MMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

2 August  
MARLOW, Thomas Richard, to wife of Truman Marlow, ETC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.  
RAGLAND, Roy Randal, to wife of Roy Ragland, LTJG, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
PELLETIER, Robert Duane, to wife of Joseph Pelletier, T/Sgt., 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

3 August  
BURNS, Danny Louis, to wife of Louis Burns, AD1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
BUBECK, Baby Boy, to wife of Frederick Bubeck, SA, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.  
SHEPPARD, John Samuel, to wife of John S. Sheppard, BTC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
DUTTER, Karin Lynn, to wife of Roy Dutter, YN3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
JANSEN, Eric Fay, to wife of Clifford Jansen, FCC, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.  
WALTER, Lonnie Scott, to wife of Lonnie Walter, AD2, 9 pounds.

4 August  
ROBBINS, Ronda Lyn, to wife of Reo Robbins, OMC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
JAWORSKI, Mary Helen and Janet Elizabeth, to wife of Lawrence Jaworski, ADC, 3 pounds, 11 ounces, and 4 pounds, 5 ounces.  
FENSTERMACHER, Michele, to wife of Gerald Fenstermacher, YNSN, 8 pounds.  
SIMPSON, Deborah Jean, to wife of Harold Simpson, OA1, 8 pounds.  
RUVALDT, Vicky Lynn, to wife of Frank Ruvaldt, SN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.  
KALKOFEN, Maxine Ann, to wife of Lester Kalkofen, HMC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

5 August  
FIELDS, Mary Gladys, to wife of Richard Fields, AM1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
HAMILTON, Cheryl Lyn, to wife of Tyson Hamilton, EM2, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
ERB, Kathryn Ann, to wife of Malcolm Erb, AK3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
JENSEN, Jo Lee, to wife of Johannes Jensen, Ch.Mach., 7 pounds.  
ARNOLD, Elizabeth Theresa, to wife of John Arnold, AD2, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
ANDREWS, Linda Elaine, to wife of Dewey Andrews, AD2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
RAPACZ, Jennifer Ann, to wife of Raymond Rapacz, MM2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
FEHR, Michael Allen, to wife of Harold Fehr, AD1, 8 pounds.  
BELVEAL, Charles Paul, Jr., to wife of Charles Belveal, ABAN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 13 August

STELLA—Victor Mature, Ann Sheridan. Although it is a very unusual comedy, Stella derives its comedy from a macabre theme, which, to some, may seem in bad taste occasionally. For this reason, audiences planning on seeing the show should be prepared for some shocking scenes, as well as many good laughs.

Monday, 14 August

BACKFIRE — Viveca Lindfors, Edmund O'Brien, Dane Clark. The film begins at a Veterans' Hospital in California where O'Brien is a patient and Miss Mayo a nurse. The former has made plans with a wartime buddy to go into the ranching business, but when he leaves the hospital, he finds his buddy missing and accused of murder. Trying to clear his friend's name, the veteran becomes involved in a complicated story of villainy and intrigue which takes him from cheap hotels to swanky night clubs, to a mortuary, and finally to the home of another wartime acquaintance. Throughout the entire film there is a dormant feeling of impending disaster which seemingly captivates and transmits the watcher to the scene of the action.

Tuesday, 15 August

KISS TOMORROW GOODBYE—James Cagney, Barbara Payten. To those who read the book, this picture will leave much to be desired. It follows closely the happenings in the story, but it could not, and does not, have the ironic, entirely new ending which the poignant book by Fredrick McCoy gives. To those who have not read the book, however, this film will bring an empty yearning and an ardent desire to peruse the novel in its entirety.

Wednesday, 16 August

STREETS OF GHOST TOWN—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette. This film, needless to say, is a money-making Western, with all the best traditions of the endless horse opera brought to the fore. In it, the hard riding, straight shooting, fearless fighter for law and order, Durango Kid, proves once again, with only minutes to spare, that crime does not pay; even in a deserted and apparently forgotten ghost town.

Thursday, 17 August

THREE HUSBANDS — Emlyn Williams, Louis Erickson. No available information.

Friday, 18 August

PRETTY BABY—Dennis Morgan, Betsy Drake. No available information.

Saturday, 19 August

PINKY—Jeanne Crain, William Lundigan. Always maintained on a high dramatic level, "Pinky" is one of the most powerful portrayals of the racial problem that has ever been set before the American public. In it, Jeanne Crain plays the part of a mulatto who loves, and is loved by a white man. To some, the ending is a betrayal of the faith which each has placed in the other, but to the other faction, it comes as the only solution to the situation. However one may think, the picture is, according to many of the leading magazines in the country, well worth seeing.

Bill: "My feet hurt."

Will: "What's the matter?"

Bill: "Been biting my nails again."





## NAS, Oakland Takes 12ND Armed Forces Swim Meet

*Oak Knoll Misses Third By One Point*

By capturing five first places, two seconds, and one third, the swimmers of NAS, Oakland, compiled an amazing 43 points to run away with the 12ND and Bay Area Armed Forces swimming meet held at NAS, Alameda, Friday, 4 August.

The margin of victory over their nearest competitor, Treasure Island, was nine points and a full 28 separated them from the third place Moffett Field crew.

Oak Knoll, badly undermanned and unconditioned, compiled 14 points on three third places and five fourth places to place fourth in the meet.

Only four men represented this hospital in the eight event meet. Those four, T. W. Smith, Bill Schneider, Bob Irvine, and W. E. Wiley, each competed in three events, with Schneider swimming in four. The other teams had one man for each event and from those men chose their relay teams.

The Knollite swimmers were notified of the match only three weeks before the match occurred, hardly time to condition themselves under the best of conditions. Nevertheless, they entered and finished every event on the program.

Bill Schneider, who only two days before had recovered from a bad case of influenza, swam in the 150 yard medley relay, the 50 yard freestyle race, the 100 yard backstroke contest, and the 200 yard freestyle relay. Dr. Smith swam in the 150 yard medley relay, the 100 yard breast stroke, and the 200 yard freestyle relay. In addition to his diving, Bob Irvine took third place in the 200 yard freestyle, and swam in the 200 yard freestyle relay. Wiley swam in the 150 yard medley, the 100 yard freestyle,

and the 200 yard freestyle relay.

The winners of each meet were given two medals, the 12ND trophy, and the Armed Forces trophy.

### RESULTS AND TIMES

150 yd. medley relay: won by NAS, Oakland, Schwartz, Russell and Arnold. Time: 1:28.3. Second: Treasure Island; third: Oak Knoll.

200 yd. freestyle: Won by Wood, NAS, Oakland. Time: 2:37. Second: Dagart, TI; third: Irvine, Oak Knoll.

50 yd. freestyle: Won by Zamucen, NAS, Oakland. Time: 26:6. Second: Brown, TI; third: Walker, Moffett Field; fourth: Schneider, Oak Knoll.

3 Meter Diving: Won by Searight, Moffett Field, 78.14 points. Second: Nugent, TI; third: Pabst, NAS, Oakland; fourth: Irvine, Oak Knoll.

100 yd. freestyle: Won by Arnold, NAS, Oakland. Time: 60:8. Second: Brown, TI; third: Searight, Moffett Field; fourth: Wiley, Oak Knoll.

100 yd. backstroke: Won by Schwartz, NAS, Oakland. Second: TI; third: Carr, San Francisco Naval Shipyard; fourth: Schneider, Oak Knoll.

100 yd. breaststroke: Won by Burt, Moffett Field. Time 1:14. Second: NAS, Oakland; third: Smith, Oak Knoll.

200 yd. freestyle relay: Won by NAS, Oakland, Schwartz, Wood, Zamucen and Arnold. Second: TI; third: Moffett Field; fourth: Oak Knoll.

## Alamedans Repeat Trim Golfers Again

For the second time in as many starts, the golfers of Oak Knoll were beaten by the men of NAS, Alameda, Thursday, 3 August, when they met them at the Lake Chabot course and were set down 8½ to 6½.

Henry Nugent, hottest thing at Oak Knoll since the Smoking Lamp went out, again swept the points from his opponent, Osborn, by touring the course in 76, not good for the stout and smiling Chief, but good enough to slip under Osborn's 79. LT Bob Ware, transferee from Mare Island, who seemed to have taken over Cross' jinx, finally slipped through to card a 78 and annex 2 points to the Knollites' cause from Dutchers' 79.

CDR Milton Kurzrok, who in the previous match garnered 1½ points on an 83, was shutout by Adams in this match when his opponent came through with an 80, and Capt G. H. Ekblad, who in the previous match was shutout with an 83, came back with an 81 to take ½ a point from Reall's 78.

LTJG J. H. Spence toured the 18 holes in 78 strokes, but grabbed only 1 point when his opponent, Neale, went the rounds in a one less 77.

The orchestra leader's wife named her baby Encore, because he wasn't on the program.

## Dental, Recreation Tangle In Hoop Opener Monday

*Welfare and Recreation Favored To Cop Flag*

The Intra-Departmental Basketball League will begin play on Monday 14 August, with all official games to be played on the outdoor basketball courts below the swimming pool.

As it now appears, the team sponsored by Welfare and Recreation and coached by Oscar Lindblad is the team to beat by virtue of their won five lost one record. They have beaten every team in the league at least once with the Dental Crew having been tagged for two losses at their hands. Their one loss came from the Administration Building, who bounced back from a 36 to 28 drubbing in the first game to hand the WelanRecs a 50 to 39 beating.

Monday afternoon saw two of the toughest games in the practice season go by the boards as both the WelanRec Boys and the AdMen barely squeaked by their opponents. In the first overtime game of the year, the WelanRec Boys were forced to come from behind to beat Jack Nicholl's Dental Crew 25 to 23, as both Frank Hoffman, center for the losers, and Bill Samuels, guard, began hitting with long set shots.

In the second contest of the day, J. C. Stevenson's AdMen were forced to go all out to drop the fighting Independents as coached by Eddie Grijalva, 30 to 28. In the game, two newcomers to the compound stood out like beacons. Big, six foot five F. B. Aungst, at the center post and B. B. Hook, a speedy, fighting dead-eye in a forward position.

It was in the second game with WelanRec that the starting five for the Administration Building was unveiled for the first time. In that game, Little Steve pulled the covering and let the league get a look at his regulars in Gerald Zilch, forward; Hook, forward; Aungst, center; Folletta, a whirling phenomenon at the guard post, and Steve himself at the other guard slot. For reserves, Steve has a fine set-shot artist in Bill Gaston, two scrapping ball hawks in W. E. Gross and "E" "J" Stanphill, and a seemingly tireless workhorse in Earl Pressnall.

With Bob Cooper gone to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the stock in the Night Crew's firm took a serious turn downward. They still have one of the speediest players in C. F. "Shank" Young, but without the Big One's height and whirling hook shot, their chances are seriously impaired.

The Independents of Eddie Grijalva have plenty of height, and their control of the backboards is almost complete, but speed seems to be lacking. Although he's made no commitments, the starting five for the men with no home seems to be Abels and Branson at forward, both over six feet tall, Braun at the post position, shading six feet, and Kitagawa and Grijalva, both small, but having some speed which the team needs so badly.

**NOTE:** Due to difficulties beyond his control, Lester Artemus Gooch, as created by William E. Wiley, will be unable to appear this week. He will be with us next week, however, and the many persons who have enjoyed his antics are requested to wait until then for his next adventure.—Editor.

Oscar Lindblad has made no comment about his starting five either but from the practice games, it looks as if Bob Worsham and Claude Johnson will hold down the back court. Bill Schneider will work the pivot post, and Lindblad and Walt Zeigler will cavort in the shadow of the backboards. To spell the starting quintet Big Osk has tall C. R. Smith, speedy W. E. Wiley, and two excellent handlers up from Corps School, Jefferson and Allen.

In the first week of play, Jack Nicholl's Dental Crew and Oscar Lindblad's WelanRec Lads begin the festivities on Monday at 1700. Tuesday will find the Night Crew and the AdMen arguing relative merits and Wednesday the Independents will tangle with the Unknowns, a newly formed team under the guidance of W. F. Vandiver of 73B. Thursday the Dental Dillies again hit the warpath to tangle with the Night Crew and Friday WelanRec meets the Unknowns.

## Touch Football Loop May Not Be Formed

The proposed Intra-Departmental Touch Football League may have to be dropped, J. A. Reginato, Director of Athletics, announced this week because of the apparent lack of interest which is being shown.

Only two teams have even begun to be formed, a group under the direction of Eddie Estrada and another by F. H. Allen, with only Estrada's team officially having joined the league. A. K. Hunter, manager of the Ad Building's team, says that he will be able to form one, but because of conditions has not done so as yet.

The league was scheduled to start on 5 September and run until the middle of October.

## Cross Country Run Plan Pool Tourney

Two new athletic ventures are being contemplated by Coach Reginato, both of them intra-hospital and both of them along the lines of the corpsmen's natural activities.

The first, a Cribbage Pool Tournament, has already been decided upon and play will begin in the Pool Room on 21 August. Persons who wish to join the tournament should contact Mr. Reginato as soon as possible. He can make the schedule. Elimination will be on the basis of a two out of three shooting performance.

The other venture, wholly on a planning basis so far, is a cross country run. The run would be around the hospital compound, a natural course.

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## Captain Gallegos To Naval Hospital, Philadelphia

Captain Percy B. Gallegos, MC, USN, head of Obstetrics and Gynecology at this hospital for the past year, was detached early this week to assume duties at the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Captain Gallegos had been head of those departments in the Dependent Service since his arrival here on 8 August, 1949, from the Naval Hospital at Mare Island, where he had held a similar position.

The popular Captain was commissioned a LCDR in 1941, and was sent immediately to Mare Island, where he remained until going to sea in 1943. He was in the Pacific Theatre of Operations for three years, returning to Mare Island in 1946 after having served aboard several base hospitals and ships.

Except for the intervals in his civilian and service travels, the Captain lived most of his life in California. He was born in Berkeley, attended the Stanford University, and considered Stockton as his native city.

During the First World War, Captain Gallegos served as a 2nd LT in the Army, but after the hostilities had ended, he transferred to the Naval Reserve, from which he went into active duty at the beginning of the Second World War.

Two children have been born to the Captain and his wife, Janette; Joan, 18, and John, 16.

Captain M. M. Ruben, former Chief of the Dependent Service, has assumed the duties formerly held by Captain Gallegos, and Captain E. T. Knowles, recently arrived from Mare Island, assumed duties as Chief of the Dependent Service.

## Dr. Frank Gets Fast Round Trip to Guam

Just as the death of Mark Twain was "greatly exaggerated" so was the reported transferral of LTJG L. J. Frank from this hospital to NAS, Agana, Guam, as was given in this paper last week. Actually, LTJG Robert A. Connor was transferred to that station while Dr. Frank was merely returning from leave.

"My tour of duty was short," Dr. Frank said when contacted by this paper, "but I was still glad to be back." Although he was sure it was a mistake, Dr. Frank spent a worried five minutes checking with Officer Personnel, wondering all the while if his orders had been overlooked.

Dr. Frank is with the Out-Patient Service, serving as Ward Medical Officer on 72B.



Three of the four soldiers who came to this hospital Wednesday afternoon to repay the blood bank for blood given to Mrs. E. R. Eichenberger are shown receiving refreshments following the operation. Left to right are PFC Wayne Rosinsky, PFC Ronald Goranson, CPL Kenneth Wright, and pouring for the group is LT J. J. Remas, nurse in the blood bank. Also in the group, who were brought here by the patient's husband, 2nd LT E. R. Eichenberger, was PFC David Gurrola. All of the men are stationed at the Oakland Army Base, where Eichenberger is with the transportation corps.

## R. L. Holbrook Wed In Night Marriage

In a night wedding Saturday, 12 August, Miss Dorothy Lopez, of Oakland, was given in marriage to Robert Louis Holbrook, HN, of the Public Works Department, by her father, Mr. Joseph Lopez, also of Oakland.

The wedding took place in Alameda, at the home of Judge Daniel H. Knox, who officiated at the ceremony.

Attending the bride was Mrs. Elaine Colon, wife of the best man, Manuel Colon.

The young couple have known each other for some 15 months, and since their marriage have been living in their own home at 9400 Thermal Street, Oakland.

The wedding was a small affair, with only friends and immediate relatives of the couple being invited. For the occasion, Miss Lopez wore a Navy Blue suit trimmed in white.

## Willets, Junger Wed In Oakland Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Oakland was the setting for the marriage Friday, 11 August, of Charles W. Willets, HN on ward 70B, and Miss Margaret R. Yunger, of the nursing staff here.

Acting as best man and bridesmaid for the couple were the two persons who were responsible for their meeting, L. B. Brewer, HN, and ENS Donna G. Horton. It was while on a double date that Brewer and Miss Horton introduced the newly married couple.

Although members of neither family were present, a small group of immediate friends were on hand to extend congratulations and see the happy couple off to a brief Bay Area honeymoon.

Dr. C. W. Cooper, assistant minister of the church, officiated at the marriage.

## Cow Clocked At 80 MPH (It Says Here)

If speed is conducive to high jumping, there is a cow about thirty-two miles north of Winnemucca, Nevada, that has, or had, an excellent chance to better the high-jumping mark set by the famous bovine immortalized by Mother Goose.

According to the accident report submitted in the case of Floyd A. Paine, SN, he was a "passenger in car that hit a cow on highway going about 80 MPH," which is fast for any kind of animal.

At present, Paine is a patient on ward 41A receiving treatment for a

fractured patella which he sustained when the speeding bovine got in the way but the whereabouts of the phenomenon itself is unknown, despite frantic search by top horse breeders all over the country.

The accident occurred on 2 August, while the 19 year old seaman was stationed aboard the USS BUCK.

At latest report, the animal was still unlocated, but plans are already being drawn up for a match race between The Cow, Noor, Citation, and Silver in the event she is found.

## 22 Reservists Report To This Hospital For Indoctrination

The first large group of activated reservists to report to Oak Knoll for their indoctrination period came aboard last week and were assigned to various wards and departments throughout the compound.

In the group were four nurses, four doctors, and 14 enlisted men, all rated. The 22 persons are scheduled to remain at this base for a 30 day indoctrination period, during which time they will work on four different wards or departments. After their indoctrination period is terminated, they may be transferred to permanent staff here or shipped to another base.

Doctors who reported aboard were LTJG M. E. Bittle, LTJG Jessie E. Squire, LTJG L. W. Condie, and LTJG J. G. Whitney. Nurses were LT Dorothy G. Swallen, LTJG Marie F. Dalton, LTJG Vina M. Rankin, and ENS Ione E. Hodges. Enlisted men were T. B. Smith, HMC, T. R. Hockenberry, HM1, L. K. Gonigan, HM1, J. E. Mains, HM1, R. T. Polychronis, HM1, V. E. Botts, HM1, H. R. Poulson, HM2, L. C. Meier, HM2, W. A. Dryden, HM2, C. J. Osorio, HM2, R. C. Crawley, HM2, D. C. Schnell, HM3, M. R. Wilkie, HM3, and O. Thomas, HM3.

## 3 U.S. Hospital Ships Assigned Korean Duty

Washington (AFPS)—The Government has assigned three hospital ships to service in the Korean conflict. They are the Navy's Consolation, Benevolence, and Repose.

The ships will operate with hulls painted white and a horizontal green band running the length of the vessels. Red Crosses will be painted on each side of the hulls, on the decks and funnels. The crosses will be lighted at night.

## Device Kills Barnacles With Electric Shock

La Jolla, Calif. (AFPS)—An electric shocking device that kills barnacles and mussels and prevents them from fouling the bottoms of vessels has been developed. The device consists of the series of vacuum tubes that generate electrical impulses in the water. In the case of bivalve mussels, the shock causes their shells to snap shut with death resulting from starvation or autointoxication because of inability to eliminate wastes.



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## President Signs Law to Give Guam Limited Self-Government

By Armed Forces Press Service

For the first time since it came under United States control, the strategic Pacific island of Guam has been granted limited self-government and its people given American citizenship.

President Truman has signed the legislation which also transfers administrative responsibility for the island from the Navy to the Interior Department. Since 1898, when this westernmost U. S. possession was wrested from Spain, Guam has had a Navy officer as governor appointed by the President.

Thus, after more than half a century, Guam's 58,754 residents are permitted to elect representatives to their own legislature. A civilian governor, appointed by the President, will continue to serve, according to provisions of the Organic act.

The 215-square-mile isle plays a vital role as a supply base for American forces in Okinawa and Japan. It is located 3,750 miles closer to the Far East than Pearl Harbor, T. H.

American possession of Guam, discovered by Magellan in 1521, came about during the Spanish-American War—with the firing of only several shots. The cruiser USS Charleston fired the shots which were mistaken

by Spanish officers on Guam for a salute.

## Science Examines New Blood Typing Kit

Washington (AFPS)—Scientists of the Atomic Energy Commission are looking into a new blood-testing method that may be of great value in the event of atomic warfare.

The new method of blood testing was developed by Marvin Botwick, biochemist and director of Schem Laboratories of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Botwick said complete tests for a person's blood group and type can be made by even inexperienced people in from two to five minutes with the aid of individual "kits" of five tiny glass tubes containing certain serums. This compares, he said, with "from three to four hours" under blood-testing methods in general use.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

I remember from several years ago an ad plugging some product in which the punch line read, "Champions don't train with sofa pillows." The picture in the ad depicted a heavyweight bruiser stretched on a sofa idly punching some fluffy feather pillows.

Most of us wish that life would leave us alone. We covet a stretch of slack water out of the main current where it's shady, the fish bite steadily, and clocks are unknown. But life won't leave us alone. There are responsibilities which won't be dodged. We don't want war, but war is thrust upon us. Decisions insist upon facing us. Calamities—illness, death, etc.—befall us. Life won't leave us alone.

There is escape into unreality. Increasing numbers take this path, fleeing responsibility. It is one way to the solitude of slack waters away from stark, brutal reality.

But champions don't train with sofa pillows! One of the basic laws of life is that there must be an equal force of resistance to the thrust of living. To grip the pen with which I write, the thumb must exert an equal force of resistance to the forefinger. To develop muscles we must meet the resistance of the dead weight of barbells. To tone flabby spirits, character, we must meet realistically the resistance of life. Be glad that life won't leave us alone!

JAMES D. HESTER

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### Protestant:

Chaplain—James D. Hester  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

There's a new piano on Ward 51B. Nothing so startling about that item of news, we agree. But there are any number of individuals who find it hard to believe that the sleek, silvery-toned music box up there actually is "our very own" at long last.

The object which had long passed for a piano virtually provoked musician's union strike (we kept it localized, however). No musical show no beguiling tap-dancers, no microphone "necking" by sultry torch singer. Even Howard Eastwood, who holds the compound's heavyweight title at scuffling with the toughest rows of ivories shoved before him these many years, delivered his ultimatum. The nurse finally called the Red Cross office and mournfully announced even APC's had done no good. The pedals still squeaked, the keys were temperamental, and even the wildest imagination could not construct a scale out of any given eight notes.

Now pianos that can pass a musician's physical examination (all digits intact, properly voiced, a good sounding board, no molars missing) are virtually gifts from heaven. Burnette Thompson, Red Cross worker in charge of piano problems, boldly announced her intentions to do something about the sad state of affairs. With faith in human benevolence, she tapped the customary channels. But apparently there were none immediately available.

The long, sad tale was recounted many times but no one was moved to action until Mrs. W. C. Parker, an afternoon recreation Gray Lady from Berkeley, overheard it. Now Mrs. Parker is astute in musical affairs and sensitive to artistic desires. Not only that, but being endowed with an adventurous spirit, she did latch on to a piano in no time flat. Said piano was in North Berkeley, a gift of Mrs. J. C. Folliard who will emerge as a distraught heroine before the fait accompli.

All moving operations to date have been handled by Navy Welfare and Recreation and in this case, both the spirit and the flesh were strong. But you just can't win when the jinx is on. Genial Oscar Lindblad, HMI, will agree to that. The ground crew can be ready but the men on wheels may not be. In between Mrs. Folliard's golf tournaments and vacations, we attempted to synchronize operations. One promising day, she changed her hair appointment, another day she left the key with the neighbor, said kind neighbor was also contacted to assure return from grocery on schedule, etc., etc., but still no available man power.

Back at headquarters we awaited developments with certain misgivings and forgivings. All we could report to visiting entertainers who like to go to 51B and to the recreation worker, Jean Edmonds, and the nurse and the doctor was that the "situation is fluid."

Finally, Mrs. Esther England, our queen mother of entertainment units from Oakland, offered the information that during the past war, the City of Oakland occasionally provided transportation for such cargo as pianos to hospitals. Yes, she would check with "Tommie," and we would check, and she did check, and "Tommie" said "yes" and "when." We checked with Mrs. Folliard and she said Tuesday or Thursday or "no go" for a month ("I will be at Lake Tahoe"). Thursday proved feasible if there could be some man power sup-

plied by the Navy and perhaps, perhaps, a dolly. (You'd better know what a "dolly" is because it isn't what it sounds like.) "Muscles" Lindblad checked with Coach Reginato and there were no ball games. W. L. Zeller and Rus Hermanson, fellow recreationists, received orders and we smoked the peace pipe all hands around at set Thursday, 1350, as the zero hour. Telephoned to Mrs. England, Mrs. England to Thomas Mullen, Equipment Dispatcher, City of Oakland Corporation Yard, Mrs. England to Miss Thompson, Miss Thompson to Madeline George, secretary to Navy Welfare and Recreation. Date, hour, approved. Now Red Cross called Ward 52 to check on dolly which moved piano from 44B to 52. Nurse checked with corpsmen and reported they sent the dolly to Public Works which did not recall, but offered dolly to be provided by Labor Board. In other words, "dolly" was assured man power was assured, transportation was assured, and the big dolly was soon at hand.

You think something went wrong? Read on and you'll find out. Y. Lindblad, Hermanson, and Zeller cooled their heels at designated headquarters and Miss Thompson warmed her dashing around all three Red Cross buildings looking for said dolly, supposedly delivered to Community Service from Building 28. Joe checked on Building 28. No dolly. Likewise, 1400 and no transportation. Reginato asked "What's all the fuss. Can I help?" (Everybody wants to get in de act.) Labor truck breezes by and yells "There's the dolly." Trucking chair brigade on the Community Service veranda was ordered to stand watch on the dolly.

Again, telephoned to Mrs. England. Mrs. England to Oakland Public Works, Mrs. England to Miss Thompson. Truck was OK'd night before truck had supposedly left. Truck late overdue; long trek to Berkeley, long trek back, Navy chow at 1700. No dolly, says Lindblad. But it's now never!!!

Telephoned again, here, there, everywhere. Truck will be out in minutes, no way to catch them now and call off the deal. Bouquets Lindblad and Zeigler who revise the whole evening schedule with substitutes if they do not return by 1700. The movies must go on! Red Cross worker awaits return with suspense equal to bombing missions. The next morning the first reports of its success came via the nurse who called in her congratulations. "The piano is beautiful—there's a key to lock it where shall we put the old piano?"

To end this musical saga, you dear readers who let yourselves in for this piano tuner arrived the following week, Mrs. Parker's last touch of perfection. A number of entertainers have tried out this magnificent musical nugget and such harmony of opinions has not very recently been known. That is how 51B got its piano.



## Who's Who . . .

The cockiness as shown in the picture just about shows how Richard E. Keefe, HM1 of the MAA force, lives. Since first joining the Navy in his native state of New Hampshire on 15 June, 1942, he has spent most of his time either on board ship or at stations in the fighting area, which was fine with him. Right now, his fondest wish is to be returned to sea, where, he says, he is very happy.



Keefe reported aboard Oak Knoll on 5 July of this year for his second tour of duty at this station. His first tour of duty kept him here from 1946 to 1948, at which time he was transferred to Pearl Harbor and later to the USS Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, from where he came to Oak Knoll.

Swimming, basketball, hiking, and fishing constitute some of his favorite activities, but pulling liberty and mechanical repairing are used more often to consume spare time.

Although he didn't say so in so many words, going out with women while on liberty seems to be the only occupation indulged in by Gradie K.

Maness, DN, of the Dental Clinic during his spare time. Not that that is so terribly bad, but one could take time out to eat or sleep or even rest once in a while.

Maness was born in Henderson, Tennessee, and enlisted in Jackson of that state on 7 August, 1949. Following his boot training, Corps School, and Dental training, he reported to Oak Knoll on 28 June to assume his duties in the Dental Clinic here.

In addition to women, Maness is interested in bowling and swimming. Women, however, is his prime interest and only occasionally does he indulge in the other sports.

Before joining the Navy, Jerry D. Hodges, HN of 41B, worked for the Pet Milk Company, which may explain why they don't use the advertisement, "Our milk comes from contented cows." But, on the other hand, it may not, there may have been someone else working there. Whatever the reason for the company's choice of slogans, Hodges did work for them in his native Utah before joining the Navy in Logan on 10 October, 1949.



Since reporting to Oak Knoll on 18 June, the amiable corpsman has spent his spare time in building models of ships, planes, racers and anything else that caught his fancy. On liberty, he can usually be found in an ice skating rink, participating in his favorite sport.

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 20 August  
SHAKEDOWN — Howard Duff, Bryon Donlevy. No available information.

Monday, 21 August  
DEAR WIFE — William Holden, Joan Caulfield. Miss Caulfield and Holden are married in this film, but because he isn't doing too well financially, they are staying with her father, which position in itself gives several humorous situations. The nub of the story, however, concerns itself with a primary race for a seat in the state senate in which the innocent Holden is promoted in opposition to the father. A third angle is established when Holden's female campaign manager tries to entice him away from Miss Caulfield. This movie is a sequel to the popular "Dear Ruth" and ends on a note which obviously suggests a third in the series.

Tuesday, 22 August  
THE FOREIGN LEGION — Bud Abbott, Lou Costello. No available information.

Wednesday, 23 August  
BEWARE OF BLONDIE — Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake. As another film in the lengthy series, this movie is on a par with its predecessors, using more or less the same theme: that is, Dagwood gets into trouble and is saved only after Blondie, the children, and the dogs come to his rescue. In this one, Dagwood, temporarily the operating head of the Dithers Construction Company, becomes involved with a beautiful client, Adele Jergens, who lures him to her apartment on the pretenses of signing a contract. There, he is swindled out of \$5,000 in company funds and is saved only when Blondie, Fate, and the writers conspire to give a happy ending.

Thursday, 24 August  
SADDLE TRAMP — Joel McCrea, Wanda Hendrix. In this dressed-up routine western, Joel McCrea is depicted as a saddle tramp, a person who drifts from place to place rather than surrender his freedom from work and family ties. In his wanderings, he visits a widower with four children and is forced to take over responsibility of the children when the father is killed. Coming across evidence of rustling, McCrea attempts to run it down, but is sidetracked when he arrives home one evening to find Wanda Hendrix living in his house after running away from a mean uncle. After a supposedly harrowing experience with the rustler, the two look toward the future with their ready-made family.

Friday, 25 August  
PETTY GIRL — Robert Cummings, Joan Caulfield. No available information.

Saturday, 26 August  
CAPTAIN CHINA — John Payne, Gail Russell. John Payne in the title role attempts to prove his innocence in the loss of his ship by booking passage on another ship commanded by his former first officer. During the cruise, the ship runs into another typhoon and the incompetent usurper begs Payne to take the ship through safely, promising, in return, to reveal the true story of how Captain China's ship was lost. Throughout the film, Gail Russell is a background fixture inspiring the two antagonists.

## Neighbors Help Navy Reservist Finish New Home

Fayetteville, N. Y. (AFPS)—Peter Kulba, Navy Reserve radarman, received his call to active duty while in the process of building a new home for his family.

A group of his fellow workers showed up while the Kulbas were having dinner and spent four hours finishing the house, building a driveway and landscaping the grounds. "It was wonderful," said Kulba. "Something you dream about."

Hunter: "How do you detect the presence of an elephant?"

Guide: "By the faint odor of peanuts on his breath."

Lady (to gentleman who has just returned her poodle) Oh, the poor little darling. Where did you find him?

Man: "Oh, some sailors had him tied to a pole and were swabbing the decks with him."

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By GLENN W. OBERLIN

For those who aren't in on the scoop, there were two picnics held during the past week.

The first, and most important as far as the workers in Welfare and Recreation are concerned, was held Sunday when the personnel of the Port Watch met at Redwood Park to partake of the beer, soda, weiners, and steaks which were offered by the Recreation and Commissary departments. And in spite of the propaganda about gayety, sobriety, and romance which was circulated, these four were the prime enticers, undoubtedly.

The second, and most important as far as the Galley Corpsmen are concerned, was held Wednesday night when the Galley Corpsmen of the compound met at the Lake Temescal Lodge to dine, dance, and drink the evening away in the company of their co-workers.

Naturally, since plans by the Recreation Committee called for a smaller amount of supplies (based upon the attendance of the preceding picnic) everyone and his rich uncle attended the outing Sunday. Prognostications for the number getting fed ranged anywhere from half to three-quarters of the number on hand. There was not, however, any deaths reported from starvation or thirst and for that reason it is believed that there was enough for all hands.

At the Galley Corpsmen's picnic Wednesday night, William A. Mullen for the first time presented his lovely wife of one week to the general public. In company with Mr. and Mrs. Mullen were Tommy Hays and Pat Jensen; Jim Bennett and Nadine Guilliano, and John Allen and Peggy Sandberg.

Many hearts were set aflutter and more than one head of hair was surreptitiously combed at the Port picnic when it became generally known that there was a beautiful, apparently lonely blonde about the premises who had attended the picnic as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Estrada. Sailors being what they are, the young lady was ignored for quite some time, until, finally, one man strode to her side and began holding a quiet conversation with her. He talked for approximately two minutes before returning to his cronies and holding another quiet pow-wow with them. After the scoop session, all the men turned to other fields. It seemed the young lady was married. And happily, yet.

In addition to a phonograph and the necessary records, music for dancing at the Galley Corpsmen's picnic was furnished by the patients' western band from this base. Only three of the group were able to attend: Al Sallee, vocalist and violinist, Jimmie Gibbs, guitar and vocalist, and Bob Clark, guitar. Although their usual arrangements were useless because of the missing players, the trio supplied music for the dancers for almost two hours.

Off the subject of picnics, I understand that Salvador Tomasello, of 73B, is deeply entangled in that stuff

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

6 August

HILDEBRAND, Jan Michael, to wife of Lewis Hildebrand, HM1, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.  
McHENRY, Esther Lee, to wife of Bryant McHenry, BM2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
FULLENWIDER, Isom Lee, to wife of Lee Fullenwider, CS2, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.  
LAYMAN, James Paul, to wife of James Layman, ALC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

7 August

FITZPATRICK, Barbara Jean, to wife of Patrick Fitzpatrick, AD1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
PITTS, Rhonda Lee, to wife of Melvin Pitts, AA, 4 pounds, 10 ounces.

8 August

SAUNDERS, Jean Marie, to wife of Gerrie Saunders, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
DOVE, William A., Jr., to wife of William A. Dove, MAC, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
McALISTER, Glenn Patrick, to wife of John McAlister, Sgt., 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

9 August

ZAMPA, Jack Gary, to wife of Otelio Zampa, AD1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.  
OLSON, Donna Marie and Della Marie, to wife of Kenneth Olson, CSC, 4 pounds, 2 ounces, and 4 pounds, 13 ounces.  
OWEN, John Mathew, to wife of Harry Owen, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
HARNED, Michele Salvail, to wife of Robert Harned, HMC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
HEADLEY, Baby Girl, to wife of Robert Headley, AM1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
CARDON, Gayle Lyn, to wife of Rowland Cardon, DC2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

10 August

MOERICKE, Kathleen Louise, to wife of Howard Moericke, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
SAULTZ, Patricia Anne, to wife of Vernon Saultz, AEC, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
JACKSON, Sandra Lee, to wife of Paul Jackson, ADC, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.  
DE LOS RIOS, Donald James, to wife of Leo De Los Rios, RD1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

11 August

CROUCH, Sharon Elaine, to wife of Alvin L. Crouch, Cpl., 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
BLAND, Molly McGill, to wife of Vincent M. Bland, QMC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
FANTOZZI, Donna Fae, to wife of Donald W. Fantozzi, LTJG, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
WACKER, Cheryl Diane, to wife of William Wacker, LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.  
HOLDAWAY, Paula Jean, to wife of Paul Holdaway, MU3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
LONG, Patricia Diane, to wife of Jim Long, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
CADUA, Ernesto D., Jr., to wife of Ernesto D. Cadua, SD2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

12 August

BURNHAM, Michael, to wife of Edward Burnham, BMC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
PHILLIPS, Faith Ann, to wife of Billy J. Phillips, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
SKINNER, Gale Nelden, Jr., to wife of Gale N. Skinner, FN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.  
FLORES, Debra Kathleen, to wife of Oscar Flores, ME3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.  
ROBARDS, Michale Frances, to wife of Stanley Robards, GMC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
RATHKAMP, Gary Edward, to wife of George Rathkamp, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
KIRKBRIDE, James Scott, to wife of John Kirkbride, CSK, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
WHITESOL, Larry John, to wife of John Whitesol, AM3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
BOYD, Richard Lee, to wife of Robert Boyd, SK1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

called "love." From all I can gather on the subject, it seems to be a fine institution. However, for all those who don't follow the canine world, puppies don't always grow up.

Congratulations to J. R. Stokes of Pediatrics. It's a nice thing to have around, but it isn't absolutely necessary.

Two more staff men here tied the supposedly unbreakable knot during the past week. Joining the ranks of married men were Charles W. Willets, HN on Ward 70B, and Robert L. Holbrook, HN in the Public Works Department. It might be interesting to some to know that Holbrook, all six feet, four inches of him, married a woman five feet, two inches tall. Guess we could send that in to Jimmy Hatlo's "They'll Do It Every Time" column. Anyway, most people get married for better or for worse. Fool everybody, you two, show people you got married for good!

Hotel clerk, to prospective guest: "I'm sorry, but you'll have to make your own bed."

"Oh, that's all right."

"You'll find the hammer, saw, lumber and nails in the back room."



# Dental Over-run By Welfare 37-15, Lindblad Pots 15

In the first game of the Intra-Departmental Basketball League, a speedy, defensively-tight Welfare and Recreation team overran Jack Nicholl's Dental crew handily 37 to 15 Monday afternoon.

The game was marked by flares of temper which threatened at times to stop the contest, as both teams contested the referee's decisions loud and long, before agreeing to abide by his decisions . . . and then forgetting the agreement.

In an almost personal contest, Big Oscar Lindblad of the WelanRec forces hit from all angles for 15 points to outscore the Dental's big center Frank Hoffman by almost four times, and lead both teams in the scoring department.

Willie Jefferson, hopping, jumping center for the winners, followed with ten counters.

Bill Samuels got the Dentals off to an early 4 to 0 lead by dropping two quick shots through the net, but after the WelanRecs had settled down and begun working the ball in, there was no doubt as to who'd be the eventual winner. The WelanRecs tied the contest at 6 all and from that moment onward their lead was steadily increased until at half-time they led 21 to 9.

# Unknowns Take Forfeit Win From Independents

The first forfeit game of the infant basketball league was won by the Unknowns Wednesday afternoon when the Independents failed to make an appearance at the court before 1700. The win pushed the men of C. H. Vandiver into a three-way tie for first place with the AdMen and the WelanRecs, and placed the Independents in a three-way tie for the cellar with the Dental Clinic and Night Crews.



# No Signers Yet For Cross Country Run

Coach Joe Reginato's proposed cross country run around the compound has not as yet brought forth the interest and participants which was hoped for, the Athletic department announced early Thursday morning.

As planned, the race would be more of a training ground for persons planning on playing basketball during the coming season. The race would build up their legs, their wind, and their endurance, three of the prime necessities for a good hoopster.

Although no course has been set so far, the tentative route would begin at the Hospital Corps Quarters, go down the hill behind the Nurse's Quarters, around the athletic field, across the creek on the foot bridge, around Building 133, and up the hill on the road behind the Chief Petty Officers' Club. At the top of the hill, the runners would follow the road behind Ward 63, cross the creek on the bridge near the gas station, take the road behind Ward 50, and follow it to the right at Ward 44. There they would follow it past the 40 wards until they reached Occupational Therapy where they would turn left and proceed back up the hill to the starting point.

Persons interested in participating in the event should contact Coach Reginato or submit their name, and detail to the Welfare Office.

# 35 Patients to See Home Tilts of 49ers

Through the cooperation of owner Tony Morabito, 35 patients from this hospital will have a chance to see the home games of the San Francisco 49ers, beginning Sunday, 20 August, when they meet the Washington Redskins at Kezar Stadium.

Transportation will leave the Community Service Building at 1200 with games scheduled to begin at 1400. All persons interested are urged to give their names to Mrs. Madeline George in the Welfare and Recreation office as soon as possible.

Also on the agenda for sports-minded patients is a night baseball game between the league-leading Oakland Acorns and the Lucky Beavers of Portland on 31 August. Transportation for the 40 patients scheduled to go will leave the Community Service Building at 1845. Again all those wishing to go are asked to submit their names early to insure a place being reserved for them.

Joe: "My wife is scared to death that someone will steal her clothes."  
Moe: "Doesn't she have them insured?"

Joe: "Better than that. She has someone stay in the closet and watch them. I found him there last night."

# Pool Tourney Begins Monday; Seven Enter

Seven persons have signed up to participate in the proposed Cribbage Pool Tournament which is scheduled to begin Monday afternoon in the pool room below the Community Service Building.

The tournament is to be a multiple elimination affair; that is, each participant is to play each of the others with the person winning the most matches to be declared winner.

The game to be played, Cribbage Pool, is a game of high skill in that two balls totaling 15 must be made in consecutive shots before a point can be declared for the player. If he makes one ball, but fails to make the corresponding ball to total 15, the shot is declared void and he must start again.

Matches thus far will see L. E. Wallace matched against M. O. Bullard; C. A. Johnson against O. J. Lindblad; and E. C. Pressnall playing C. F. Young. M. H. Radke is also signed to play but does not as yet have an opponent.

# Welcome and Farewell

Exclusive of the reservists who reported for active duty last week, seven persons were transferred to this hospital and two were transferred from it. Those departing were Captain P. B. Gallegos, who went to the USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and E. M. Grijalva, HN, who went to USNH, Mare Island.

Reporting aboard were Captain E. F. Knowles, from USNH, Mare Island; LT Josephine Buckanan, from Tripler General Hospital, Oahu, T. H.; LT Marie M. Simonsen, from USNH, Great Lakes; L. I. Green, HN, from USNH, San Diego; J. H. Jones, HN, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; A. M. Crosley, HM2, from patient status and A. Hall, HM3, from USNH, Mare Island.

# AdMen Defeat Night Crew 34-24, Aungst Sinks 16

By scoring one point every two minutes, Big F. B. Aungst led his teammates from the Administration Building to a 34-24 conquest of the Night Crew Tuesday afternoon in the second game in Intra-Departmental basketball.

Aungst, alternately known by his teammates as Ox, Big One, or Bert led his team throughout the game with his 16 points, practically unassailable control of the backboard and a tireless, effortless, style of play.

The AdMen jumped into the lead during the first minute of play on the first of Aungst's baskets and stretched it into a 4 to 0 lead when B. B. Hook sank a rebound. C. F. Young and H. J. Owens of the Night Crew began hitting then, and, with tight checking by both sides, cut the lead to 8-5 at the eight minute quarter.

In the second quarter, sloppy ball-handling and tight checking let only five points be scored to give the AdMen an 11 to 7 half time lead.

It was during the second half that the AdMen began to increase their lead as the tiring Night Crew five dropped the pace. Gerald Zilch, forward for the AdMen, teamed up with Aungst to pour 18 points through the net, and with Little Lamont Foletta playing a fine defensive game at Hook gathering rebounds, the AdMen pulled away for the ten point margin of victory.

Only five men were on hand for the Night Crew, but if more had been there, the game might have had a different outcome. Owens and Young scored 8 and 9 points respectively, and repeatedly stole the ball, but were too tired to get any solo lay-ups. At the center post for the losers, Gerald Keane played 32 minutes of almost race-horse ball.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Welfare	1	0	1.000	37	15
Administration	1	0	1.000	34	24
Unknowns	1	0	1.000	1	0
Night Crew	0	1	.000	24	34
Dental	0	1	.000	15	37
Independents	0	1	.000	0	1

SCORING LEADERS			
	FG	FT	T
Aungst, Administration	7	2	
Lindblad, Welfare	7	1	
Jefferson, Welfare	4	2	
Young, Night Crew	4	1	
Zilch, Administration	4	0	
Owens, Night Crew	4	0	

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## Generous Donors Augment Blood Supply

Since the need for blood is becoming increasingly great, it is gratifying to note that the hospital blood bank received 267 pints of blood from donors at various Bay Area naval activities during the period from 2 to 18 August.

Personnel of Electronics Materiel School, Treasure Island, donated 135 pints during that period; Hunters Point gave 70; Naval Air Station, Alameda, 40; the USS THOMAS F. NICKEL, 8. Miscellaneous donations from the USS BOYER and from civilian friends have brought in 14 pints needed for specific cases.

The Commanding Officer wishes to convey his thanks to these activities and individuals for their quick and generous response to his request for help in obtaining an adequate supply of blood for the hospital's present needs.

## Former Ring Champ Patient on 77A

"Well, I guess I fought my way out of so many jams when I was a kid that I just kept on out of habit!" That is how Edward Buckingham, veteran patient on 77A and former welterweight boxing champion of the world, explains how he got into the fighting game.

Buckingham, who used the fighting moniker, Jack Britton, which a lot of not-too-old-timers will remember, was champ from 1915 to 1922, when he lost a fifteen-round decision to the tough battler Mickey Walker in New York.

It seems that the Buckingham family disliked the idea of having young Ed carry that distinguished name into the ring—hence the Jack Britton, which seemed to him as good a name as any other.

Jack was outstanding American contender for the welterweight crown in 1915 when the British champion, Ted Lewis, came over and took the decision. Thereafter, Lewis and Britton fought more than a dozen times, one and then the other taking the points and title. In 1919 Britton knocked Lewis out in a nine-round whirlwind bout that finished the Britisher as a contender. From then on Britton was king until tagged by the "bulldoggy" Mickey Walker.

In the years since, Buckingham (as he resumed his right name) did a little more fighting, some traveling, and a lot of work as a mining engineer and contractor. He is still a great fighter at heart.

## Navy to Hold Officers; Cite Marine Needs

Washington (AFPS)—Resignations submitted by Regular and Reserve officers will be "held in abeyance" because of the present Korean situation, the Navy recently announced.

Reserve officers' requests for transfer from active to inactive duty will not be approved, the Navy said, "except where it is determined that the service of the officer concerned will not be necessary to meet immediate or future mobilization requirements."

The restriction on separation of personnel also applies to the Marine Corps, which announced it will call 50,000 of its 80,000 volunteer Reserve force to active duty before October 31.

The Marines said they would concentrate on men with combat qualifications, including a wide variety of specialists.

The chief Marine Corps requirement is for Reserve officers of the rank of captain and lower, and enlisted men up to the grade of sergeant.

Officers requesting retirement after 30 years of service will not be affected, the Navy said. The restriction on voluntary separation is expected to save the Navy about 1,700 officers who otherwise would have been lost within the next year.

## Chapel Rites Unite Popular Staff Couple

In a quiet wedding which climaxed a hospital romance of three months, LTJG Carl L. Ebnother, MC, USN, last Saturday claimed Lenore Lucile Andrews as his bride. The ceremony took place in the Oak Knoll chapel at 1630, LCDR James D. Hester officiating.

The bride, dressed in a white organdy gown with shoulder length veil, was given in marriage by her father, Jesse L. Andrews, of Hemet. Traditional wedding music was played on the chapel organ by Miss Louise Strickler, close friend of the bride.

Present for the ceremony were Dr. Ebnother's parents from San Francisco, the bride's brother Jerry from Hemet, and a few intimate friends. The wedding, which had been planned for Saturday, 2 September, was set ahead to 19 August when the groom received orders to report to the U. S. S. Princeton at Bremerton on 21 August. Dr. Ebnother, a resident in internal medicine, had been a member of the staff since 28 September 1949, and "Rusty" has served as occupational therapist here since 21 January 1947.

## Another Fish Story



Here are three fishermen who can prove that luck was good on last Wednesday's fishing trip—one of the weekly summer outings arranged by the Sportsmen's Clubs for patients at this hospital. The tired but happy trio includes, left to right, B. C. Pitney, SN, USN; Miss Marlys Nahl, Red Cross Recreation worker, and John Peters, SN, USN. Both men are patients on 77A, as is Charles Castleman, who snapped the picture.

## COURAGE Salutes USNH, Oakland

Oak Knoll is featured in the September-October issue of COURAGE, official magazine of the Fraternity of the Wooden Leg, Inc., copies of which are available at the Crew's Library.

An aerial view of the hospital appears on the cover, and a historical article "saluting" Oak Knoll, with photographs of the administration building and the Commanding Officer with visiting members of the fraternity, occupy an important place in the magazine.

## More California Oranges From Texas Company

At this hospital there is a strong possibility that the Texas Company will lose its identity as a producer of Texaco Petroleum Products and be credited instead with the production of California oranges. This danger lies in the fact that the company periodically trucks generous quantities of the citrus fruit into the hospital for use in wards and mess halls.

Last week the second shipment for this year—450 boxes of Valencia oranges—arrived through the courtesy of Mr. B. O'Connor of the Texas Company's Los Angeles office. This more than welcome gift was grown on the grounds of the company's refinery in Fillmore, California.

## Acorn Games Now Open To Staff Members

Staff men are now eligible to attend the Oakland Acorns' baseball games through facilities of the Welfare and Recreation Department, Lt. R. L. Thompson announced this week.

Formerly, only patients could attend, but because of the number of extra seats available at each game, the activity has been opened to staff members, who will have a chance on 31 August to see the Acorns play their arch rivals, the San Francisco Seals. With the Acorns trying to hold onto first place and the Seals trying to climb into fourth, the game should be good.

Tickets for Forty-Niner home games will also be available to 35 patients through Welfare and the kindness of team managers. Tomorrow, Sunday, the Forty-Niners meet the champions of the National League, the Philadelphia Eagles. A great match is expected to ensue when the tough line of the Forty-Niners meet hard-plunging Steve Van Buren, a perennial leading ground-gainer in the league for many seasons.

Football games are open only to patients, and all interested in attending are urged to sign up at the Welfare Office early. Once having signed up, they are urged to be at the Community Service Building promptly at 1200 for transportation.

Buses will leave for the Acorns' games at 1845 on designated nights.



# The Oak Leaf

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## 71B Personnel Praised

P. O. Box 366  
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U. S. Naval Hospital

Chief of Staff

Dear Sir:

I am writing in reference to my late son, Walter N. Hamilton, who passed away at the U. S. Naval Hospital August 6th. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful care and attention he was given while a patient there, specially to thank Nurse Fraine in Ward 71B and Corpsmen Hughes and Anderson for their care and attention for which I will ever be grateful.

Sincerely yours,

ALICE HAMILTON STINSON

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"Exempli Gratia" (for example) you will find in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. To elaborate and drive home the importance of individual example will take more space.

Example is power. It is your influence for good or bad. It is your effect on others. If you act according to high principles, we can be reasonably sure that you are morally sound. If on the other hand, you "foul up" every week end or every payday, chances are you are unreliable.

Navy men accept you at face value; hence the innuendos about "Regulation Sailor."

It was the custom of some of the natives in the Pacific to call some sailors "God Blimies." You can understand the reason.

Some stateside civilians are of the opinion that the Navy always wears "dress uniforms." That's their impression. They have never seen the dungaree side of Our Navy.

You are an example to all newcomers in Our Navy. If you pay little regard to discipline, if you are a sloppy person, he will very likely follow your example fooling himself into thinking this is "salty." If you know the ropes in the lash up, your example will be one the new man can well afford to follow. Your regard for good morals will leave a lasting impression.

I remember many Boatswains in my day and time. Those who stand out are not the ones who used God's name after every sentence. The ones I remember were those who let it slip only in a fit of anger on occasions few and far between. I've even heard old line officers remark that certain men stand out because they never used God's name in vain.

If you are shipping out, the contacts you have abroad are particularly important because you represent not only the military and what it stands for—you represent also the United States. Members of the Armed Forces are the only Americans many civilians of foreign countries have ever seen. We would like to think that the people of these countries have a high opinion of our nation. This is important not only to our country, but for the peace of the world.

F. J. KLASS  
Catholic Chaplain

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### Protestant:

Chaplain—James D. Hester

Sunday—

Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)  
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every  
Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in  
attending religious services, contact the  
Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National  
Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service  
Dept., is in attendance on the hospital  
compound once a week. Men desiring to  
see him should contact the Chaplain's  
office.

# Red Cross Ramblings

## THAR SHE BLOWS!

Weekly fishing trips for patients continue to provide the most popular summer diversion available to all. Recent deep sea trips from Princeton (on Half Moon Bay) have resulted in full hauls for everyone, plus the added incentive of several big ling cod as well as a few salmon that are beautiful. Sportive porpoises, intently hunting sea lions, and an occasional benign whale add to the scenery.

On the in-bay trips the bass fishing is really picking up. The men have had good luck lately and many will contend that the striped bass is the king of all sport fishers... with good reason... try one on the end of a line!

## FISH FRY!!

Next week on Tuesday the regular deep sea trip goes out again. As the boat holds only a limited number, get your signed chit to the Red Cross early. On Wednesday the lucky fishermen will have a chance to sample their catch because all will participate in our season's first fish fry—with all the trimmings—at the Red Cross Lounge!! Ask for details.

DON'T FORGET our good neighbors who make these fishing trips possible for you fellows: MR. CLARENCE WILSON of the ASSOCIATED SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, MR. AL ACCARDI, the famous FISHFINDER of the Bay Region, both of whom have helped to arrange trips and locate much needed gear. Boat owners BOB O'BRIEN of Crockett, the RAA-HAUGE BROTHERS of Vallejo, and HAZEL'S and RAY GARDNER of Princeton, on Half-Moon Bay, and the always - generous bait shops, LUCKY'S, LEE ANDERSON'S, PACIFIC and FRUITVALE, in the East Bay, and WONG'S in San Francisco. It takes a lot of working together so that you'll have SMOOTH SAILING!

FOLK DANCING is increasing in popularity at the Red Cross Lounge every Friday evening. Last week the Red Cross Oakland Chapter introduced Scandinavian dances to the patients. The basic steps are fairly easy to follow and soon there were many volunteers with itchy feet on the dance floor ready to cut a caper and eager to follow the instructor. After the lesson, square dancing and the schottische rounded out an evening of merriment.

## Muriel Adams Bride Of Oakland Attorney

Of interest to her many friends at the hospital is the announcement of Mrs. Muriel Adams' marriage Sunday to Martin W. Haugh, Oakland attorney. CDR Donald F. Kelly, CHC, USN, conducted the ceremony, which took place at 1330 in the Naval Air Station Chapel, Alameda.

For the wedding, the bride chose a dress of pink net and carried a prayer book, to which her corsage of white orchids was attached. Attendants were the bride's brother and sister-in-law and her four-year-old daughter Janet, who served as flower girl.

Following a garden reception at the home of relatives, the bride and groom left on a three-week honeymoon, after which Mrs. Haugh will resume her work as Navy Relief Nurse. She has served the hospital in that capacity with great success since June 1945.

An officer's apartment (one bedroom) will be available soon at Santa Cruz Island Village. Call 180.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

13 August

McDUFFIE, Timothy Bernard, to wife of Charlie McDuffie, SHSN, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

WENZEL, Rebecca Dee, to wife of R. ert Wenzel, AE1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

WALLER, Suzanne Marie, to wife of Richard Waller, ME1, 5 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.

LOUVIERE, Michael Lee, to wife of Eugene Louviere, BM1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

STURGEON, William Roy, to wife William Sturgeon, AM1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

14 August

CAPPS, Penny Sue, to wife of Roy Capps, AM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

MORIEKO, Jo Ann, to wife of Richard Morieko, SN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

HESLET, Baby Girl, to wife of Nelson Heslett, AO1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

MANCIL, Daphne Joanne, to wife of Edward C. Mancil, HM2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

MOORE, Deborah Mae, to wife of Clyde Moore, AB3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

BRYKCYNSKI, Terry Allen, to wife Raymond Brykczynski, AG1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

15 August

TRAUGHBER, Johnnie Ray, to wife Charles Traughber, DC1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

THOMASON, Carol Dianne, to wife Hubert Thomason, DKC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

TIMMONS, Nancy Jo, to wife of Robert Timmons, AD1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

BOBBITT, Rachel Jean, to wife of William Bobbitt, BMC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

RAMEL, Kathleen Mary, to wife of Larry Ramel, PFC, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.

SNOW, Baby Girl, to wife of Russell Snow, SN, 4 pounds.

PIKE, Mark Shartel, to wife of Clifford Pike, CS1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

16 August

HERRINGTON, Kenneth Frank III, to wife of Kenneth F. Herrington, Jr., LTJG, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

BELL, David Earl, to wife of Earl Bell, LT, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.

YOUNG, Richard Merle, to wife of Paul Young, AO2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

BOND, Robert Michael, to wife of Vernon Bond, LT, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

TENNEY, Cal Vern, to wife of Vern Tenney, LT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

SILVA, Keith Douglas, to wife of Frank Silva, AD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

ELLIOTT, Beverly Lynne, to wife of William Elliott, AD2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

BORJA, Baby Boy, to wife of John Borja, SD1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

17 August

LAVERTY, Cynthia Annette, to wife Merton Laverty, CS3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

COONROD, Joseph Richard, to wife Edgar Coonrod, LCDR, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

WARREN, Baby Boy, to wife of Robert Warren, HMC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

MORRIS, Kathleen June, to wife of Peter Morris, BM2, 11 pounds, 11 ounces.

GLIMM, Gary Gordon, to wife of Gordon Glimm, DK3, 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

COFFEY, Jeffrey, to wife of James Coffey, LT, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

HUME, Katherine, to wife of Donald Hume, LTJG, 6 pounds.

HUPCEY, Bruce David, to wife of John Hupcey, AD3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

18 August

HUERTO, Peggy Theresa, to wife Larry Huerto, SD1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

MILLS, Maurice Jackson Jr., to wife Maurice Mills, EM3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

WAERS, William Robert, to wife Charles Waers, AL3, 6 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

FRASER, David Joseph, to wife of Joseph Fraser, AD1, 4 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.

19 August

WILSON, Craig M., to wife of Harold Wilson, SD2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

ALEKSISK, Michele Gail, to wife of Joseph Aleksisk, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

BRADBURY, Sharon Ann, to wife Bennett Bradbury, AD1, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

HARBAUGH, Harry Frank, to wife James Harbaugh, LT, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

DICEY, Steven Allen, to wife of Lawrence Dickey, LT3, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

RUCKEL, John Andrew, to wife of John Ruckel, LTJG, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

THOMAS, Pamela Susan, to wife Michael Thomas, PFC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

SULLIVAN, Baby Boy, to wife of Leonard Sullivan, SN, 7 pounds.

HANSON, Janice, to wife of Harold Hanson, LT, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.



# Who's Who . . .

One of the most wantonly abused men on the compound is Walter L. Zeigler, HN, of the Welfare and Recreation department. Whenever anything goes wrong at the Community Service Building's movies, it is "MGM" Zeigler the audience shouts at; whenever transportation is needed in a hurry, it is usually Zeigler who gets the call, and whenever anyone feels like playing a practical joke, it is usually Zeigler who acts as recipient.



Zeigler was born in Cicero, Indiana, where he attended school and played two years of basketball and four years of football and participated in track for a year. He enlisted in the Navy at Indianapolis on 15 March 1948 and arrived at Oak Knoll from Corps School in San Diego in September of the same year.

Although he claims he has no hobbies, this amiable blond corpsman is actively interested in basketball, swimming, hunting, and liberty, with special emphasis on the last one.

While aboard the Hospitalship USS BENEVOLENCE, Ernest D. (for Dog, he says) Carlson, HM2, at OOD's Office was on hand at "Operations Crossroads," the Atomic Bombing Test at Bikini. "It was a fine experience," he says, "awesome, and magnificent, yet terrible and frightening."



Carlson boarded the destroyer Floyd B. Parks from the Bepevolence, and during his travels has covered most of the Pacific and Far East.

Carlson enlisted in the Navy in Helena, Montana, on 21 February 1944, and after Boot Camp and Corps School was shipped almost immediately into the war zone. He arrived at Oak Knoll from the District Medical Office on 3 April 1950.

Carlson's favorite pastimes are wine, women, and song, each coming as a natural consequence of the other.

Claude A. Johnson, HA, in the Welfare and Recreation office, has just two hobbies, both of which are featured in his native state of Texas—sports and women.

For the latter, he didn't list any special awards, but in the former field, he won all-state acclaim from 1945 to 1947 in both football and track. "Ace,"



as he is called by those who've seen him play, was born, raised and recruited in Dallas, Texas, where he joined the Navy on 22 February 1948. Since arriving at Oak Knoll on 26 July of the same year, he has been an invaluable aid to the sports program, playing outstandingly in all sports undertaken by this station.

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By GLENN W. OBERLIN

With all the old hands leaving the compound, news is beginning to get harder and harder to obtain. Nothing seems to be happening; nothing, that is, of either news value or printability. But then corpsmen are corpsmen.

Did have something of some kind of interest happen to me the other night. While imbibing a few at the "Little Grass Tabernacle," the man behind the bar, one Johnny, happened to mention that he is playing for a band called, appropriately enough, "The Oak Leaf." According to Johnny, it is a fine band and well worth hearing, playing both swing and marches. The next public appearance for the band will be in the Admission Day Parade in San Francisco and then the Labor Day Parade, also in Frisco. Suppose I should attend to draw a comparison between that musical aggregation and this paper, but somehow I don't think I'll be able to find the time.

Thanks to Chief L. L. Linse for his after-dinner joke. Sorry I didn't use it, but either that or I had to go . . . and I rather enjoy it around here.

See by the paper a new movie was premiered in Moscow the other night. Based on "semidocumentary" evidence, the movie is the story of the betrayal of Russia to the Germans by the Americans and British during World War II. In it, Gestapo Chief Himmler is quoted as saying, via the dialogue, that: "Your troops (American) can advance unhindered. Our garrisons will surrender if even three American bicyclists, drunk or disarmed, enter." Supposedly, the Western Powers betrayed the Russians by telling Hitler when Russia planned to attack, thereby letting Germany pull her manpower out of the Ardennes sector and concentrate on the Russian front. Russia, however, thwarted the attack by attacking earlier than scheduled.

If all that is true, why didn't we just give General Patton and his men plenty of whiskey and tell them to go ahead. Evidently, the Nazis weren't shooting real bullets.

## Singing Ceases as Chorus Casualties Mount

Dwindling rapidly because of the many staff transfers of the past two weeks, the station choral group has been discontinued until further notice, Chaplain James D. Hester announced this week.

The small but enthusiastic group that started practice several weeks ago showed promise, and it is with regret that the Welfare and Recreation Department has had to terminate this activity, which was being conducted through arrangements with the University of California Extension Division Music Studios.

### BARBER SHOP CLIPPING

Haircuts are important but time-consuming. To cut that time to the minimum, officers and chiefs are urged to make appointments in advance. Call John at the Officers' and Chiefs' Barber Shop. Extension 276.

## WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Staff turnovers hit a new high during the week of 16 to 23 August as 82 officers and enlisted personnel were transferred and 68 received. Detached were:

LCDR H. M. Wertheimer, to USS REPOSE; LTJG C. L. Ebnother, to USS PRINCETON; LTJG J. D. Mahoney, to SFNSY, San Francisco; LTJG's L. M. Ellis and J. W. Cross, to NAS, Alameda, California; HMI's V. E. Botts, R. J. Connell, L. K. Gonigon, J. E. Mains, T. R. Polychronis, W. D. Flock, T. R. Hockenberry, J. B. Livesay, J. E. Maroney, M. H. Meyers, and L. C. Waggoner, HM2's W. A. Dryden, L. C. Meier, C. J. Osorio, J. R. Gersbacher, H. W. Jarvins, H. H. Mass, E. E. Ross, H. F. Treiber, T. Wilson, HM3's, D. C. Schnell, O. L. Thomas, M. R. Wilkie, E. L. Arntomon, L. F. Bender, A. N. Daw, D. E. Larson, C. B. McClendon, R. C. Spence, HN's, J. A. Harkins, A. K. Hunter, C. H. Pressley, W. R. Vaughn, G. Yarber, D. C. Bailey, E. L. Dawson, W. H. Corey, D. J. Goddard, A. L. Hallum, L. G. Horton, H. W. Jones, Q. B. Mashburn, K. E. Monson, H. A. Penny, B. R. Packwood, J. H. Rasch, S. Salas, G. A. Schroeder, B. M. Skaug, G. V. Sloan, J. R. Stoke, D. G. Sudbeck, D. M. Sutton, L. E. Wallace, and W. L. Zeigler, to USS BENEVOLENCE.

B. W. Bradbury, HMI, D. E. McConnell, HM2, R. A. Brown, M. K. Dorn, A. E. Meek, and W. A. Wells, HM3's, and HN's, F. Alarcon, C. A. Bausley, R. M. Berry, R. J. Bridges, R. L. Daugherty, J. B. Elliott, D. C. Gamble, J. A. Graves, R. E. Hines, E. P. Jarmon, L. H. Peikert, K. B. Roberts, B. J. Smoot, and J. E. Vaughn, to Camp Pendleton, Ocean-side, California.

Reporting aboard were LCDR's A. J. Adams and G. W. Wikelman,

LT's A. J. Farrell, G. H. Demay, C. W. Howell, and T. E. Ashley and LTJG L. E. Cooper, from civilian life; LT U. Wilson, from USNH, Mare Island; LTJG J. D. Nelson, from NAS, Seattle, Washington; LTJG A. F. Snyder, from SFNSY, San Francisco. From civilian life came the following nurses: LT's Marion B. Haire, Beryl F. Kober, Martha A. Comfort, Evelyn M. Matteberg, Katherine M. Murphy, Alice L. Harrer, Helen M. Danko and Elsie M. Geise, LTJG's Edna A. C. Baur, Rosanna K. Donnely, Frances I. Darley, Gertrude M. Adams, Irene R. LaMara, Grace F. Darney, Dorothy M. Singer, Emma L. Dannan, Jean L. Graves, Edith E. Wright, Mary M. Thornton, Pauline Babyak, Delta I. Daugharty, Regina Andrews and Fay L. Wilhelm, ENS's Ruth M. Mallaney, Angie A. Palmisano, and Dorella L. Shorkey; LTJG Betty J. Biles and ENS Mary M. Rhodes, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; LTJG Eleanor M. Lux and ENS Kathleen J. Christensen, from patient status.

J. H. Littlejohn, HMC, from USNH, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; HMI's B. H. Calkins, H. E. Skelton, R. S. Kearney, F. F. Morin and T. M. Breeze, HM2's, J. E. Brindle, L. E. Gusiker, H. C. Scheiderer, K. L. Carl, and R. A. Crist, HM3's, D. R. Cade, J. E. Cable, B. S. Smith, A. S. Childs, L. W. Moore, and C. O. Xancher, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; HN's, T. W. Manion, H. P. Schaeffer and J. Kovaleik, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; E. L. Hendrix, HM2, J. R. Croy, HM2, J. J. Miokovich, HM3, and R. I. Ayers, HM3, from Receiving Station, Great Lakes, Illinois; C. Chambless, HMI, from Naval Base, South Carolina; and W. F. Guiles, DT1, from Receiving Station, San Francisco.

## PREVIEWS



Sunday, 27 August

RIGHT CROSS — June Allyson, Dick Powell. The stars of "The Reformer and The Redhead" get together for another madcap comedy. No further information available, but rumored to be excellent.

Monday, 28 August

AMBUSH — Robert Taylor, John Hodiak, Arlene Dahl. A re-release with no available information.

Tuesday, 29 August

A LIFE OF HER OWN — Lana Turner, Ray Milland. A story of the eternal triangle in which Miss Turner is portrayed as a well-known New York model who meets and falls in love with Milland, a wealthy Montana mine-owner. Milland is married to an invalid whom he leaves in Montana while consorting with Miss Turner in New York. Although everything possible is done by Milland's lawyer to break up the clandestine affair, it remains for the arrival of Milland's wife to clarify the situation.

Wednesday, 30 August

INDIAN TERRITORY — Gene Autry, Gail Davis. A new release with no available information.

Thursday, 31 August

PROWL CAR — Mark Stevens, Edmund O'Brien. A new release with no available information.

Friday, 1 September

DESERT HAWK — Yvonne DeCarlo, Richard Greene. In the title role, leads a band of outlaws against the local prince on the wide and sandy plains of Old Arabia. While disguised as the prince, he marries Princess Sheharizade, (Yvonne DeCarlo) who finally learns to love him after discovering what a viper the true prince is. Throughout the film, sword play and action are featured, with attempts at humor being added by two of the Desert Hawk's associates.

Saturday, 2 September

EVERYBODY DOES IT — Paul Douglas, Linda Darnell. A re-release with no available information. Given an excellent rating by the Motion Picture Herald.

## Mr. Newsom Makes It a Twosome

"Here Comes the Groom" was the appropriate greeting for Thomas R. Newsom when he returned to his work in the Civilian Personnel Office last week. Flying east several weeks ago, he exchanged vows on 29 July in the Emanuel Episcopal Church, Newport, Rhode Island, with Miss Elaine Frado, former Navy nurse. The couple met in Newport five years ago while he was serving as anti-aircraft officer aboard the cruiser, USS DULUTH. The bride received her training at Providence Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, and in June this year she graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in nursing education.

Following a Boston and Cape Cod honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Newsom flew west to their home at 6407 Valley View Road in the Montclair hills.



THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT ONE, MRS. SMITH . . .



# Dentals Wallop Unknowns For First Victory

With their only tall man on the squad, Frank Hoffman, center, tossing in 16 points, the Dental Crew Wednesday afternoon completely outclassed the six men mustered by the Unknowns and defeated them by the lop-sided score of 37 to 16.

The win was the first for the Dental Crew in three starts. In their first two starts of the campaign, they had to meet first the men of Welfare and Recreation, the toughest team in the league, and second the Night-Owls as led by C. F. Young, conceded to be the second team of the loop.

The Unknowns were almost completely unknown . . . at least to each other. For three of the players, it was the first game. For that reason, lack of coordination between the players was understandingly missing.

Bill Samuels, an unfinished player with a natural eye, contributed heavily to the win for the Dental Dillies by scoring 10 points on his set-shot. Although his set-shot is his favorite weapon, Samuels made four of the points on stolen-ball layins and at least two others on expert passing from the other members of the squad.

High man for the losers was Noxon, a newcomer to the base, who tossed three field goals through the twine for six points. All of the baskets were made on difficult shots, and Noxon would undoubtedly have had a higher score if the Unknowns had played a more deliberate game.

**NOTICE**

Navy Exchange clothing section has a complete range of sizes available in officers' blue serge and gabardine uniforms. Extra uniform pants are also available.

A curious leaning pagoda in China, dating from the Sung dynasty (960-1260 A.D.), is an oriental counterpart of Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa.

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## Night Crew Outruns Dental In 40-22 Win

Little H. J. Owens hit the twine for 13 points Thursday, 17 August, to lead his team mates from the Night Crew to a 40-27 conquest of the Dental Team. The fiery little forward racked his points up on six field goals with his deadly one-handed push shot and one free throw.

Frank Hoffman, center for the losers, led his team with 11 points on five field goals and one gift toss to fall second in individual scoring, but was closely followed by Clint Anderson, pivot man of the winners, with 10.

The Night Crew had the Dental Men entirely outclassed as they retained almost complete mastery of the backboards and had a passing attack working that Jack Nicholl's men couldn't stop.

The win gave the Night-Owls a 1 and 1 record and shoved the Dental Dillies into a lost 2 category.

## Johnson Wins First Tilt In Cribbage Pool Match

In the first match of the best two out of three games, C. A. Johnson defeated Oscar Lindblad 5 to 1 for the first win in the Cribbage Pool Tournament now being conducted at the Pool room in the bowling alleys. The match is the only one played to date, but others are expected to be finished soon.

Two persons who'd signed to participate were scratched when they received their orders, but four others have signed on. The two scratched were L. E. Wallace and W. L. Zeigler; those added were J. S. Chaney, Henry Mitchell, W. E. Wiley, and C. R. Smith.

Participants in the tournament are urged to play their matches as soon as possible. The games are being conducted on a best two out of three games basis which in a close match could take hours to play.

## Slight Case of Mistaken Identity

With the U. S. Marines in Korea (AFPS)—Second Lieutenant Donald H. Cole, a Marine fighter pilot, has been elected "shavetail of the week." The reason: he got himself rescued by a general he mistook for a sergeant.

Lieutenant Cole of Fort Smith, Ark., ditched his Corsair in enemy waters after he had been shot down on a strafing mission. He was spotted by a Marine helicopter carrying Brig. Gen. Edward A. Craig, First Brigade Commander.

As the helicopter pilot, Gus Lueddeke of Maplewood, N. J., jockeyed the craft into position, the General hauled Lieutenant Cole aboard.

The grateful lieutenant, mistaking General Craig for a sergeant, clapped him on the back and shouted, "Thanks, Mac, you sure did a great job." The General said he was glad to be of service.

## Independents Upset By Administration

In a tough, but lop-sided contest Monday afternoon, the AdMen of J. C. Stevenson overwhelmed a fighting, determined bunch of Independents 44 to 22 when little L. W. Foletta, forward, reached the burning point and flipped 14 points through the twine.

The first half, especially, saw Foletta rack up points as he hit for six buckets before finally cooling and hitting his usual two in the second half.

Short as they were, the Independents had an even spilt on the rebounds when an injured back kept "The Big One," F. B. Aungst, center for the AdMen, from rebounding the way he usually manages to do. According to Stevenson, manager of the team, the back isn't seriously injured, but it does hamper his style of play.

With Aungst practically out of play, two of the smallest men took over scoring duties for the AdMen. Diminutive Charley Stevenson hit for 10 points and Foletta grabbed 14 to lead the AdMen's scoring.

Scoring by the Independents was done by Kitigawa, who racked up eight points on four field goals, Braun, who equaled the mark, and Sumerlin, who pushed six tallies through.

LEAGUE STANDINGS						
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	GB
Welfare	3	0	1.000	125	64	—
Administration	2	0	1.000	76	46	1/2
Dental	1	2	.333	79	93	2
Nights	1	2	.333	93	99	2
Unknowns	1	2	.333	37	87	2
Independents	0	2	.000	22	43	2 1/2

SCORING LEADERS						
	GP	FG	FT	TP		
Lindblad, Welfare	3	18	1	37		
Hoffman, Dental	3	15	1	31		
Young, Nights	3	13	1	27		
Aungst, Administration	2	12	2	26		
Schneider, Welfare	2	12	0	24		
Owens, Nights	3	11	2	24		

Games next week: Monday, Night Crew vs Unknowns; Tuesday, Welfare vs Administration; Wednesday, Night Crew vs Independents; Thursday, Administration vs Unknowns; Friday, Dental vs Independents.

# Schneider, Osk Lead As Welfare Cops 2nd, 3rd

The Mighty Men from Welfare Recreation Office made it three straight in Intra-Department Basketball Friday, 18 August, Tuesday when they slaughtered hapless Unknown five 50 to 20 and overran the Night Crew, 38 to 29.

In both games, the backboard control, the passing, the dead shooting, left no doubt as to what the final outcome might be . . . only what the final score would be. In neither game did the men of Oscar Lindblad have to extend themselves to come out on top.

In spite of the race for individual scoring honors in the game with the Unknowns, three of the Welfare forces tied at 12. Bill Schneider, center, hooked his way from the center post to that number; Lindblad shot from all over the court to establish his number; and Bob Worsham, forward guard potted six two-handed set shots to rank. If he had played the whole game, Worsham would probably have walked off with the honors as he made all twelve of the baskets in the final half.

In the game with the Night Crew big Bill Schneider poured 12 points through the hoop to stand alone at the top of the scoring column. Oscar Lindblad, the man who's led the Welfare leaders in their previous starts contributed only 10 points to the scoring to come in second. Bob Worsham, although he shot almost every chance he had, was way off the mark and garnered only four points from his deadly two-handed set shot.

C. F. Young, although playing with a painfully twisted neck, couldn't be stopped in the contest and poured 11 points into the scorebook for the Night-Owls, both from set shots and from stolen-ball lay-ups.

Bounding, aggressive Willie Jefferson, one of the mainstays for the Welfare Recs in their two previous games, rode the bench the majority of the time in the night contest and scored only four points, all in the first few minutes of play.







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## Blood for Korea Being Processed At New Lab

One thousand pints of whole blood were received at Oak Knoll this week for processing and shipment to Korea. This was the first shipment received by the new Armed Services Central Blood Processing Laboratory, which has been established here under the direction of LCDR Mary T. Sproul, MSC(W). Miss Sproul and three Navy blood bank technicians arrived on 27 August and in less than a week equipment was set up and the work was under way.

The blood, packed in refrigerated boxes, is being received from Red Cross blood donor centers in various parts of the country. The first donations came from San Jose; Ashville, North Carolina; Washington, D. C.; Hartford, Connecticut; and Nashville, Tennessee. Thirty-three centers have been established, and the laboratory expects to be able to process an average of 300 pints a day.

Miss Sproul, an expert in blood bank work, has been assigned to the Navy Medical School, Bethesda, for the past seven and a half years and had previously worked at the Army Medical Center, Washington, under Col. D. B. Kendrick, one of the leaders of the Armed Forces blood program. She has been in the Navy since December, 1942. On her staff are C. P. Foreman, HM2, and C. E. Walter, HM1, both from the Navy Medical School, and James Osborne, HM2, transfer from the Naval Hospital at Newport, Rhode Island, and Sgt. Wayne T. Killion, USA, who reported here this week from Letterman General Hospital.

The laboratory, temporarily located here, will eventually be moved to permanent quarters being set up at Fairfield-Suisun Air Base by LT Wayne B. Hewitt, now on TAD orders from the Navy Medical Center, Bethesda.

## 13 Nurses Attend Swim Classes Here

With 13 nurses enrolled, the Swimming Class, under Coach Reginato, hit the half-way mark this week when most of the enrollees passed the test for primary swimmers. The class is the first of its kind to be established at this base, and may be followed by more, if interest seems to warrant it. For those who can't swim, or wish to improve their methods, the coach says that in just six days of fairly rigorous training, he can qualify persons for a third class swimming test.

## 242 Survivors Treated Here

### Knollites Respond to Disaster Call

As an aftermath of the Benevolence disaster, personnel at Oak Knoll spent a busy Friday night bringing survivors to the hospital, treating them for shock, making them comfortable, and notifying relatives of their safety.

When word of the shipwreck reached the hospital at 6:40 p.m., the Commanding Officer immediately dispatched seven ambulances and a 40-passenger ambulance bus to Fort Mason, where survivors were being brought ashore. One ambulance was used to carry survivors from rescue craft to Letterman Hospital. Forty motorcycle officers of the Oakland Police department, many of them off duty at the time, volunteered to clear the way for the other vehicles as they crossed the Bay bridge and raced to the hospital to unload shivering, water-soaked passengers and return for more. Stretcher-equipped trucks, readied by the transportation department, were not needed.

Two hundred sixteen survivors, including medical officers, nurses, hospital corpsmen, and civilian crew members, were admitted to the hospital Friday night under a general diagnosis of "submersion, non-fatal." Twenty-five more were admitted Saturday, and one was transferred from Letterman on Sunday. Among the survivors were three former staff officers from the hospital, CDR R. B. Johnson, MC, USN, Ensigns Dorothy Venverloh and Helen E. Wallis, NC, USN, and 56 hospital corpsmen who had been transferred to the hospital ship.

As soon as news of the disaster came, all liberty was cancelled. Doctors, nurses, and corpsmen who had left the station were called back to duty. Staff plumbers and electricians were called to work to restore utilities in three inactivated wards, reopened to receive members of the Benevolence medical staff and crew. Corpsmen on duty on the receiving wards distributed pajamas and served hot food which had been prepared by the quickly alerted commissary department; doctors gave stimulants as indicated; the patients were put to bed. Meanwhile the Red Cross had been on the job, and each patient found comfort articles and cigarettes at his bedside. The entire Red Cross staff worked throughout the night sending messages by telephone and telegraph to local chapters for release to next of kin of all survivors. Three hundred incoming calls were answered by the inquiry service that was immediately put into operation.

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D. J. Goddard, HN (left), NP technician here until he shipped out last week, and W. L. Ziegler, HN (second from left), formerly of Welfare and Recreation, were among the fifty-nine former staff members who were on duty aboard the USS BENEVOLENCE when she foundered and sank three miles beyond the Golden Gate last Friday after being struck by the freighter Mary Luckenbach. The hospital ship, returning from a shakedown cruise preliminary to its scheduled departure for Korea, was loaded with medical equipment and there were 505 persons aboard. Nineteen members of the crew, some civilians, some Navy personnel, lost their lives. Among these was W. D. Fleck, HM1, USNR, who had worked in the laboratory. On his last week end at Oak Knoll he stayed aboard so that a friend could have liberty. The following day, he reported to the BENEVOLENCE. (Tribune Photo)

## No CPO Exams In Fiscal Year

Washington (AFPS) — Because of a large surplus of Chief Petty Officers (pay grade E-7) the Navy does not plan to hold examinations for promotion to this grade during fiscal year 1951, which began this July 1, according to a recent announcement of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. However, should changes in the Navy's requirements so dictate, examinations for advancement will be held.

Examinations for advancement to other petty officer grades will be held as follows: For petty officer, third class, January 9, 1951; petty officer, second class, January 16, 1951; petty officer, first class, January 23, 1951.

Certain deviations from the schedule will be authorized if movements or operations require it, providing the examinations are still conducted during the month of January, 1951.

Plans are also being made to take care of the advancement of Naval Reserve personnel on active duty.

## First Casualties Here from Korea

Eighteen marines wounded in the fighting in Korea have arrived at Oak Knoll for treatment. Fifteen of the men sustained their injuries from gun fire by the North Korean forces, and the other two were injured as a direct result of enemy action.

The majority of the men came to Oak Knoll Sunday, 27 August, after a brief stop at the Fairfield-Suisun base hospital.

The men are Captain George E. Kettridge, 2nd LT Edward T. Emmelman, SGT Edward Barrett, BM3 Warren J. Foley, CPL Allan Schultz, CPL Homer S. Bramble, PFC Keith B. Keller, PFC Robert N. Harte, PFC Willard R. Milliam, PFC Gerardo Ochoa, PFC Peter Emeterio, PFC Charles R. Fish, PFC Dominick R. Canissario, PFC Burt G. Wyrick, PFC James R. Ratliff, Jr., PFC Frederick S. Brink, 2nd LT David R. Cowling, and PFC Frank Merkle.



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## Seals' Games, Elks' Club Party Open to Patients

Two means of entertainment for patients are on the agenda for the coming week, LT R. L. Thompson, director of Welfare and Recreation announced Monday afternoon.

The first will be an afternoon baseball game in which the San Francisco Seals will meet the Hollywood Stars. The game is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon with transportation leaving the Community Service Building at 1145. In the last series between the two clubs, the men of Lefty O'Doul made mincemeat out of the (at that time) second-running charges of Fred Haney. In addition to a fine exhibition of baseball, if the weather is sunny and warm, the Stars may give a lesson in how to model shorts.

On Friday, 8 September, the Elks Club of San Francisco will sponsor an evening of entertainment and buffet supper for 12 patients from this hospital. Transportation will leave at 1745 from the Community Service Building.

In both cases, those who are planning to attend should submit their names to Welfare and Recreation as early as possible to insure a chance of attending.

## NFFE Meeting Scheduled for 5 Sept.

On Friday, 25 August, at Local 496's meeting, attended by members of other locals and numerous guests, an interesting program was presented. The evening's festivities were highlighted by a speech by Mr. William E. Clavier, National Representative of NFFE. Mr. Clavier described NFFE as a "democracy within a democracy" and discussed various legislation and other matters pertinent to federal employees. CMDR O. K. Am-dahl, Industrial Relations Officer for ADMIRAL ROYAR of Oakland NSC, also spoke briefly, stressing the need of close cooperation between Naval and federal personnel and recognizing the good work and cooperation of the NFFE. Other speakers were Mr. Fred Fowler, fifth vice-president of NFFE; Mr. Wooley, training supervisor at NSC; Mr. Wood, treasurer of Local 1, and Mr. Hemphill, foreman service director at NSC.

At the meeting Mr. Fowler invited all federal employees and friends to attend a meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 1950 at 8:00 P.M. at the Native Sons Building, 414 Mason street, San Francisco.

A speech by Luther C. Steward, president and organizer of NFFE, will be the highlight of the evening. Refreshments will be served.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Yesterday's news is crowded out by today's happenings. Yesterday's headlines wrap the garbage or trash. But a tragedy in the midst of our little world should not be forgotten so quickly.

A hospital ship sank within minutes. Some five hundred lives were imperiled suddenly. In that little orbit of mortal threat may be seen all the drama of life, yours and mine. The survivors told the stories.

Courage, stamina, selflessness, selfishness, heroism, fear—all the instinct of life was there. Some prayed, some sang, some panicked, some grimly set about to hang on because life is sweet. Some were lost. All were scared. And it was not a fear of which to be ashamed.

Most of us have wondered how we would have behaved. In more quiet moments we have searched the deep places of our lives where no curious are allowed, to ask ourselves if we would have behaved as courageously. Makes us wonder about our resources in the hours of trial, doesn't it?

I know you join me in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that so few were lost. Say a prayer for the bereaved families of those who gave. Many of you lost a buddy. In the slow realization that he is gone, resolve for your own life to "So live, that when thy summons comes—"

—JAMES D. HESTER, Protestant Chaplain

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—James D. Hester  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)  
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

# Red Cross Ramblings

## NEW GAME VARIATION

The excessive heat these days indicated a change to quiet games in the lounge on Wednesday evenings' "Open House." A game played recently called GO (meaning number five in Japanese) and is a game quite similar to our checkers and chess using squares and placing markers on any five consecutive spaces either vertically, horizontally or diagonally. The object of the game is to beat your opponents, always moving the markers in line in an effort to get five in a row. The game has been played for years in Japan and is familiar to sailors who have seen duty there. The Japanese crouch for hours in deep concentration at this game much as we do while playing chess or checkers.

## SIGHTSEES ON ISOLATION

There isn't an idle person in the large cubicle on 50B. With quiet activities, each man has found an absorbing interest to while away the hours. FRANK J. DAVIS, veteran, has made a beautiful tooled billfold, as has KENNETH BARRISH, RM3. JAMES CONEY, veteran, CHARLES RAY MURPHY, ET3, and EDWARD O. ANDERSON, retired MMC, also took up the leather work, making billfolds. Coney has been plenty busy working jig-saw puzzles, too. RICHARD MUNKINS, TN3, also likes puzzles and reading westerns. WONG YUNE LUNG, SD1, is fascinated by a fascinator, working with wool yarn to make a lovely scarf.

## ARTISTS IN CRAFTS

ROBERT L. SKOGAN, SR, patient here, is turning out some exceptional craft work in the Hobby Shop. If we were to peek over his shoulder, we would see numerous leather articles in the making, hand-carved and original. Skogan uses his own patterns and designs his wallets. But no matter what he turns his hand to, Skogan creates a beautiful article.

## ARTHUR MURRAY CLASSES

Teachers from the Arthur Murray School of Dance are again offering instruction here. Every Friday afternoon from 1400 to 1600, the lounge will be set up to accommodate beginners as well as advanced students interested in the latest ballroom dance routines. If you can't participate, it is fun to watch.

## SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

DR. R. J. MALLETT and ARTHUR DAVIS, SA, entertained at intermission in the recreation lounge last Tuesday evening. Dr. Mallett played the piano and Davis sang three numbers, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "Always" and "Taps 'til Reveille."

## IN THE ART DEPARTMENT

NOBLE H. COLLETT, veteran formerly with the parachute infantry and now hospitalized on 61B, is continuing his hobby of painting and sketching. Collett is a former pupil of Norman Rockwell, and has quite a number of still lifes and landscapes which he hopes to exhibit soon.

Another patient on 62A, PVT. JOHN D. MAHON, who is an architect in San Francisco, is doing some fine sketches and paintings. Both these men are assisted by Mrs. Ann Rear, Red Cross volunteer art instructor.

## Jewish Patients Invited To Three Dinners

Invitations have been extended to the Jewish patients of this hospital to attend three dinners to be given at the Emanu-El Residence Club in honor of Rosh Hashana on 9 September and Yom Kippur on 20 and

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

20 August

PAYNE, Patrick Frances, to wife Leonard Payne, AM1, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.  
BLACKWOOD, Baby Boy, to wife Herbert Blackwood, CDR, 10 pounds, 8 ounces.

ADAMS, Alan Darrell, to wife of Darrell Adams, YN3, 8 pounds.

21 August

LINDO, Larry Vincent, to wife of William Lindo, SD1, 8 pounds 3 ounces.

BRUMMITT, Barbara Jo, to wife of James Brummitt, AD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

KOGER, Linda Susan, to wife of James Koger, SN1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

NORTHERN, David Lee, to wife of James Northern, PN1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

STANHOPE, Ronda Cheryl, to wife of Claud Stanhope, ADC, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

22 August

HILMER, Baby Boy, to wife of Frederick Hilmer, AM1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

23 August

WATTS, Linda Jean, to wife of George Watts, AD2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

LEONE, Gregory Kent, to wife of Kenneth Leone, Sgt, 10 pounds.

24 August

COATES, Baby Boy and Baby Girl, to wife of Wayne Coates, ADE1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

ZAMUCEN, Stephen Martin, to wife of Blase Zamucen, LT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

GUELFEE, Richard Kennedy, to wife of Pierre Gueffee, LCDR, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

TAYLOR, Treda Clara, to wife of William Taylor, OM1, 4 pounds, 3 ounces.

BURNS, Baby Boy, to wife of Charles Burns, BMC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

ROBERSON, Janice Frances, to wife of Calvin Roberson, SN, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

ACKERMAN, Sandra Anne, to wife of Alvin Ackerman, SN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

25 August

TODD, Baby Girl, to wife of William Todd, BM1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

JONES, Baby Girl, to wife of Thomas Jones, FN, 7 pounds.

BREWSTER, Daniel Lee, to wife of Horace Lee Brewster, YN1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

VOSS, Richard Raymond, to wife of Henry Voss, Sgt, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

26 August

TORREY, Eugene David, to wife of Donald Torrey, TDAN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

SMITH, Mary Christina, to wife of Cyril Smith, FPI, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

STEVENSON, Margaret Marie, to wife of William Stevenson, Sgt, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

RAUCH, Erin Faye, to wife of William Rauch, BM1, 6 pounds, 1½ ounces.

COPELAND, Jean Louise, to wife of Robert Lee Copeland, TEC, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

WILLIAMS, Stephen Randall, to wife of Charles Williams, AE1, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

GRAVES, Kaye Marie, to wife of Edgar Graves, LT COL, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

McADAMS, Michael L. Jr., to wife of Michael McAdams, S/Sgt, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

## Benevolence Story

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Messages concerning the 15 Nurse Corps officers aboard were sent within half an hour of their arrival at the hospital, and by 4 a.m. word had gone out to the next of kin of every survivor aboard. Telephone operators worked at top speed throughout the night.

Thirteen nurses are still aboard having received TAD orders here. Other members of the medical staff and the crew have returned to Mare Island to outfit a ship to replace the wrecked Benevolence.

21 September. The Young Ladies branch of that organization has extended the invitations and have asked that all who plan on attending contact Mrs. Madeline George in the Welfare and Recreation Office for reservations.



## Who's Who . . .

One of the more recent arrivals at this station is **L. W. Foletta, HA**, who reported aboard this station 18 July, 1950 from San Diego after undergoing training and several months of service. Currently, he is working on Ward 44-A.

Foletta was born in San Luis Obispo, California, where he was a farmer after finishing school. He enlisted in the Navy at Salinas, 11 November, 1949.

He spends most of his spare time "taking out his girl," but lists baseball, basketball, and football as favorite recreational activities. At the present time he is one of the outstanding players with the Administration Bldg. basketball team.



Meet the man who has been in most of the forty-eight states and thinks California beats them all. He is **F. B. Aungst, HA**, who spends most of his time in Ward 61-B. He is easy to get acquainted with and very easy to recognize — just spot the tallest man around and you have found him.



Aungst was born in Los Angeles, where he attended school, including some time in college. He claims distinction as a dishwasher deluxe from part-time experience while going to college. Aungst enlisted in the Navy at Inglewood, California, 12 December, 1949, and reported to Oak Knoll 15 July, 1950.

He is recognized as an outstanding athlete and at the present time is the leading scorer in the basketball league at the hospital. This is not strange considering his record in civilian life in basketball and other sports. Also, he says he doesn't smoke, but does drink lots of milk. Along with sports he lists as his hobbies sleep and horseback riding.

If you want to know anything about the city of Oakland, **Frederick H. Allen, HA**, would be a good person to talk to. He was born here and enlisted here. One of his main reasons for joining the Navy, so he says, was to see the world. So far, he has been to San Diego and back to Oakland. He enlisted in the Navy 7 August, 1949 and came here for duty 16 June, 1950.



According to Allen, most of his spare time is spent in waiting for liberty and going on liberty. On liberty he likes to spend his time with a favorite girl friend. He has an advantage in living here.

Allen is also an enthusiastic athlete. When asked which sports he preferred, he named about seven different ones with basketball coming first.

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

The latest in eye-catchers is, of course, newly arrived **WAVE**, Alice Basnett, HM2, now working in the X-Ray Department. This can be easily proven by a single glance . . . but, then, a second look won't be held against anyone . . . it's well worth it. And another bit of proof for those from Missouri is the fact that when she is dining (chowing down to the multitude), all tables are empty, except for the few in her immediate vicinity; at least they were in her first appearance in the dining room.

In the Post-Enquirer of Wednesday, 30 August, there was an advertisement in connection with publicity for the movie "The Great Jewel Robber," now being shown at the Esquire Theatre. According to the advertisement, the DeLane's Jewelers, of 1212 Washington Street, are giving away **ABSOLUTELY FREE** a genuine, bonded diamond to every adult who purchases a ticket to that show. One must, of course, have it set in one's own personal jewelry at the DeLane shop . . . with a small service charge for every setting. Wish I were twenty-one . . . I'd go get drunk.

Anyone seeing the amateur shows at the Bon Fair Club on Tuesday nights? Anyone who can sing, dance, do acrobatics, tell jokes, play musical instruments, or make mad love is asked to perform and make Oak Knoll proud of you. If you can do anything, except make dice talk or cards do tricks, there's a spot for you on the show. The last two restrictions will probably eliminate most of the personnel from this compound, but we can look for talented genius, can't we?

## PREVIEWS

**Sunday, 3 September**  
**THE FIREBALL**—Mickey Rooney, Pat O'Brien. The story concerns itself with an orphan, Mickey Rooney, who runs away from an orphanage and rises to become top man in professional roller-skating circles.

**Monday, 4 September**  
**TENSION**—Audrey Totter, Richard Basehart. A re-release with no available information.

**Tuesday, 5 September**  
**COPPER CANYON**—Ray Milland, Hedy Lamarr. A new release with no available information. Judged excellent by the Motion Picture Herald.

**Wednesday, 6 September**  
**ACROSS THE BADLAND**—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnett. A standard western starring Charles Starrett as the Durango Kid.

**Thursday, 7 September**  
**THE SLEEPING CITY**—Richard Conte, Corinne Gray. A new release with no available information.

**Friday, 8 September**  
**DARK CITY**—Charlton Heston, Elizabeth Scott. A new release with no available information.

**Saturday, 9 September**  
**JOHNNY EAGAR**—Lana Turner, Robert Taylor. A re-release with no available information.

The one-ring circus was visiting a town in the hills and all the folks recognized all the instruments in the band except for the slide trombone. One old settler watched the player for quite some time, then, turning to his young son, said:

"Don't let on that you're watching him. There's some trick to it; he ain't really a swallerin' it."

## Cast of "The Drunkard" Entertains 41A



Miss Beverly Dorsch, member of the cast of "The Drunkard," entertains patients on Ward 41A with a sample of the talent which gained her a spot in that perennial favorite. Discernible in the background is Mrs. Esther England, director of the shows which are brought to the wards by the American Women's Volunteer Service. The performers may be either amateur or professional, but all give freely of their time and talents to bring a little joy to the bed-ridden patients.

## Welcome and Farewell

Seventy-four persons were received aboard while five were being transferred during the week of 23 to 30 August. Those transferred were LT's J. R. Wassell and G. A. Rivers, to MSTs, San Francisco; ENS Bernice Szostak, to George Washington University, Washington, D. C.; Julia Clouse, HN, to Treasure Island; and J. D. Caster, HM3, to SFNSY, San Francisco.

Received aboard were LCDR Mary T. Sproul, from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; LTJG J. L. Yelka, from NNMC, Guam; the following doctors from civilian life, CDR S. W. Northup, LCDR's A. T. Willets, W. B. Neal and H. P. Hoyt, LT J. D. Davidson, LTJG's J. W. Troy, N. C. Smith, R. G. Reaves, R. S. Merrill, and A. P. Sparr; also from civilian life came the following nurses, LT's Marie A. Ahrees, Mary F. Cronin, Ethelyn C. Nelson and Beatrice M. Dambacher; LTJG's Ruth M. Anderson, Helen J. Demariano, Alice L. Davis, Frances O. Roberts, Roberta M. Willsey, Eileen A. Stack, Irene M. Lewis, Janet M. Wenzing, Marcella G. Allard, Kathleen M. Daly, Helen L. Brooks, Harriette A. Adams, Shirley A. Wheeler, and Esther F. Ramsay; and ENS Doris J. Gibbs; HM2's P. Bowers, V. D. Madison, J. R. Sloan, A. P. Tonna, D. K. Welch, and J. E. Drexler; HM3's E. G. Grabania, R. McKim, D. C. Mertens, F. J. Jarnevic, and G. E. Papadakis, from Receiving Station, Great Lakes, Illinois; A. H. Gross, HM2, E. E. Richardson, HM3, and HN's P. J. Collins, W. R. O'Connor, T. H. Hurwitz, F. D. Iannazzi, and W. A. Bolczak, from Receiving Station, Boston, Mass.; HM2's A. Carlisi, B. Cooper and H. A. Fennirman, HM3's, V. J. Burke, G. H. Lunderman, and A. J. Semerod, and W. Frenshaft, HN, from Receiving Station, Brooklyn, N. Y.; HM1's F. M. Fowler, C. W. Jarrell, and J. C. Shipp, C. W. Atwill, HM2, HM3's F. A. Helms, C. M. Holland, E. M. Howell, and E. L. Nelson, and HN's L. A. Hawkins, J. O. High-

## "Breakfast Gang" Show Comes Here Wednesday



McI Venter, **BREAKFAST GANG** Emcee, applies the spray gun to Aimee, whose hill-billy songs have delighted **BREAKFAST GANG** listeners all over the Pacific Coast. Unable to stand the racket are, from top to bottom: Lyle Bardo, musical director; Sweeney, sound effects man and the GANG's weather forecaster, and the show's singing star, Pretty Polly.

The **BREAKFAST GANG**, which broadcasts Monday through Saturday 0715 to 0745 over the Mutual Western Network of 48 stations will appear here Wednesday at 1330 in a show that will feature audience participation, ad libbing, and interviews with station personnel. Interviewed on the program will be Bill Gerlits, Pediatric corpsman; Charley Asbell, instructor with the Amputee Department, and a nurse. The program will be recorded for release Saturday morning and will be broadcast in the Bay Area over station KFRC, 610 on the radio dial.

tower, and L. L. Lills, from Naval Base, South Carolina; C. Blackford, HM2, J. C. Foster, HM2, L. E. Simeho, HM1, R. L. Gray, HM1, L. Schneider, DT2, and E. A. Zamer, HA, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; and A. L. Basnett, HM2 (W), from NTC, San Diego.



# AdMen Wallop Dental, Spanked By Welfare

62-28

*Dillies Trounced Easily  
As Foletta, Aungst Hit*

With Aungst and Foletta leading the way, the AdMen won from Dental by the one-sided score of 62-28 in league basketball play. The game was close only during the first half of play when Dental was able to keep close guard on big Aungst. Score at end of the first half of play was 20-12, AdMen.

Two records were set in the contest, one individually, and one by the team as a whole. Aungst took the lead in league scoring by sinking 18 points. Sixteen of these were scored in the second half. During the first half Hoffman of Dental was able to hold him down and block the hook shots and tip-ins of Aungst. However, during the second half Aungst caught fire and before the smoke had cleared away was well on his way to a scoring record for one game's play. Foletta was close on his heels as he scored 16 points, with an excellent one-handed push shot from about 15 feet out being his masterpiece.

The AdMen also set a record for total number of points for one team in a contest. All men played a good game with the scoring balanced fairly even among the entire team.

Dental, showing good play in the first half, was not able to keep up the pace and during the second half were showing clearly they were tiring. A good many of the points made by the AdMen were started from intercepted passes. Hoffman and Samuel were leading scorers for Dental with eight points each. Samuel, playing his usual good game, was able to steal the ball several times, leading to a good many of the points scored by his team. With more careful ball-handling by the Dental team, the score could have been much closer.



## Knollites 2nd In 12ND Pistol Meet

**TI's 9 Takes First,  
Knoll Marines Get 6**

Six Marines from Oak Knoll, all badly out of practice, journeyed to Alameda Naval Air Station Monday afternoon and proceeded to walk off with second honors in the Twelfth Naval District Pistol Meet with a total of six points, as opposed to Treasure Island's nine points.

The actual meet was news to participants from this base, who had thought they were merely going to practice. However, the six men garnered an 18-point total to lead all contestants in points toward the Commandant's Trophy. Treasure Island was second with 17.

On the team from Oak Knoll, first in the station's history, were 1st LT Leo G. Lewis, Jr., M/Sgt Harry M. Dyle, George Nastui, George B. Corbitt, Orvil H. Rodgers, Vital N. Flores.

As a team, they placed second in the meet, but none of the representatives of this compound placed in the individual scoring.

## Touch Football League To Begin 15 September

Plans for the Intra-Departmental six-man touch football league are going forward rapidly, according to Coach J. A. Reginato. The plans call for the league to open on 15 September, although no teams have as yet been officially entered.

Eddie Estrada, standout catcher for the CSRs softball team, has already organized a team, he says, and F. H. Allen, HA of 50B, is in the process of getting the men together. Reginato announced that the Welfare and Recreation Department will have a team which should cop the flag, just as their basketball team is doing at the present time.

Anyone interested in forming or joining a team is requested to contact Coach Reginato or one of his associates in the Welfare and Recreation office.

## Nights Edge Indeps In Quick-Kill Period

In a sudden death overtime, Bob Irvine of the Night Crew took a long pass from teammate Keane and dribbled the remaining length of the court for a solo lay-up to push his team to victory over the Independents 33-31. The game was fast and furious from the start and was played under protest from midway in the third quarter when Braun, manager of the Independents, said a foul attempt by one of his teammates did not touch the hoop, thereby making the ball out of play. During the ensuing argument, Young of Night Crew looped in a basket putting his team in the lead.

The game was a nip-and-tuck battle after the first quarter. In the first few minutes of play the Independents, led by manager Braun, took a commanding lead only to see it whittled down in the second quarter. The score at halftime read 16-12, Independents. From the beginning of the third quarter the Night Crew could not be stopped and went into the lead, holding it until the last few minutes of play, when a set shot by Dodge of the Independents sent the game into overtime with the score 27-27.

Scoring was evenly divided on each team with Owens, Night Crew, receiving scoring honors with 11 points, three on free tosses. He was closely followed by two teammates, Young and Irvine, with ten and eight points respectively. McAdaragh was high scorer for the Independents, scoring 10 points, with Braun and Dodge close behind, Braun scoring nine points, and Dodge eight.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	GB
Welfare	4	0	1.000	159	82	—
Administration	3	1	.750	156	108	1
Nights	2	2	.500	126	130	2
Unknowns	1	2	.333	37	87	2½
Dental	1	3	.250	107	155	3
Independents	0	3	.000	53	76	3½

### SCORING LEADERS

	GP	FG	FT	TP
Aungst, Administration	4	25	2	52
Lindblad, Welfare	4	21	1	43
Hoffman, Dental	4	19	1	39
Young, Nights	4	18	1	37
Foletta, Administration	4	18	0	36

34-18

*Welfare Takes Lead  
By Dumping AdMen*

Welfare and Recreation proved they were the team to beat Tuesday evening by upsetting the AdMen by the score of 34-18. Taking the lead from the beginning and holding it, they showed their power and ability on the court.

WelanRec started fast and kept up the pace during the first two quarters of play. At the end of the first half the score was 19-5 in their favor. After the half-time rest, Stevens and men showed more fight and found their shooting eyes, scoring eight points before the Welfare Men found the range again. At that point Johnson and Schneider found the range and increased Welfare's lead once more, holding the AdMen away from the basket.

The AdMen had difficulty in getting the ball under the basket to Aungst, their tall center, and could not find the basket from the outer court. Aungst and Schneider, opposing centers, both played a good game offensively as well as defensively. Doing an even job, both scored eight points. Many shots were blocked by each from under the basket. Inability to hit free throws lost the AdMen several points, as they hit only two out of eight chances. Welfare and Recreation hit four out of six free tosses.

Welfare and Recreation has a new comer on their team, Papadakis, who proved to all interested that he had what it takes. Playing only part of the game, he showed his ability to hit as well as to play a good defense. He was under the basket after every shot and was important in the fast break employed by his team. Taking a good many of the rebounds he was able to get the ball away and down court to Johnson who was in the clear several times for lay-up shots. Johnson tossed in a total of ten points to lead in the scoring. Six of these were on fast break lay-ups. Aungst was leading scorer for the AdMen with eight points.

## Gage Leads Pool Tourney

Roy L. Gage, HM3 of the Welfare and Recreation department, is currently sitting on top of the heap surveying other participants in the Crabage Pool Tournament still being conducted in the Station pool hall.

Gage, by defeating R. A. Hermanson and C. R. Smith, assured himself of a place in the semi-finals which should be reached sometime next week. He defeated Hermanson in the first round of play and Smith in his second match, after Smith had eliminated W. E. Wiley and Henry Mitchell.

In the only other matches of the week, C. A. Johnson won by forfeit from M. O. Bullard to enter the quarter-finals, and J. S. Chaney defeated M. A. Radke in first-round competition.

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## Fifty-Two Men Receive Advancement in Rate

Fifty-two men were advanced from HA to HN effective 1 September, 1950. The new HN's are: B. K. Alguire, F. H. Allen, F. B. Aungst, T. R. Baker, D. L. Barnes, D. L. Bartholomew, C. D. Blondino, F. R. Bostrom, R. L. Bostwick, F. W. Chambers, R. L. Cook, John T. Downs, E. L. Flentke, L. W. Foletta, R. N. Gann, C. R. Gathings, S. D. Rarris, J. E. Hawkins.

G. L. Hodges, W. R. Holliday, C. R. Hull, Robert Irvine, A. B. James, C. A. Johnson, L. C. Johnson, J. F. Jones, J. E. Kilmer, D. E. Kimmons, H. R. Mayette, C. H. McCraw, N. D. McNair, W. F. Miller, B. L. Moore, W. A. Mullen, Robert Nordstrom, T. R. Pruitt, D. E. Peeples, G. W. Reynolds, R. E. Richardson, B. J. Scheidt, Roberto Serrano, G. E. Slaven, M. W. Standord, M. E. Sutton, E. M. Taylor, B. D. Thrasher, M. G. Wagstaff, W. E. West, C. G. Woods, G. P. Woods, C. F. Young, and W. P. Carden.

## Cousins? Almost But Not Quite

Life in the service has brought many interesting coincidences to light and it was thought for a few minutes last Friday that another one had shown up at Oak Knoll. Kenneth L. Pennington, Pvt., USMC, and John Wayne Pennington, Pfc., USMC, were both transferred to Ward 48B. Kenneth happened to overhear John discussing his family. They found they each had a grandmother named Jesse, and they immediately developed a cousinly feeling for each other. It wasn't until they telephoned home that it was found the grandmother's name was just a coincidence.

Both Kenneth and John came to Oak Knoll from service in Korea. Kenneth was admitted 18 August, 1950 and John, 25 August, 1950. Both served with the first brigade of the 5th Marines but they had not met until they reached Ward 48B.

## More Korea Casualties Arrive



Ward 79A at Oak Knoll is the scene where these six Marine veterans of the fighting in Korea are receiving treatment from wounds incurred in enemy action.

In the group, left to right, are PFC Charles Fish, USMC, Guion, Texas, who was wounded in the left arm early in August by enemy machine gun fire; PFC Francis McGrath, USMC, Paterson, New Jersey, who suffered a back and leg injury from shell fragments; CPL Edward J. Heimer, St. Paul, Minnesota, hospitalized as a result of sniper fire; PFC R. K. Allen, Vallejo, California, receiving treatment for an elbow wound, and PFC Rockney Harte, USMC, Constable, New York, who is receiving treatment for head wounds.

Of the 41 casualties received up to Wednesday morning, two are Navy men, six are Army, and the rest are Marines. The two Navy men are Warren J. Foley, BM3, Jamaica, New York, and Robert N. McAvoy, HM3, Detroit, Michigan.

Army patients under treatment here are PFC Lawrence O. Griffith, Hollywood, California; SGT Clifford W. Kuykendall, Wichita Falls, Texas; PFC Robert D. Akers, Winfield, Tennessee; CPL Vernon Foster, Berkeley, California; PVT Charles L. Lever, Sun Valley, California; PFC Calvin C. Spencer, Seemore, Texas.

In addition to those pictured above, Marines now under treatment here as a result of action in Korea include PFC W. R. Milliam, Freeport, Illinois; PFC Gerardo Ochoa, San Antonio, Texas; 2nd LT Edward T. Emmelman, Indianapolis, Indiana; CPL Homer S. Bramble, San Antonio, Texas; PFC Keith B. Keller, Seattle, Washington; PFC Jerry A. Schultz; CAPT George E. Kitteredge, Ocean-side, California; PFC James R. Ratliff; SGT Edward Barrett, Springfield, Vermont; PFC Burt G. Wyrick, Dyersburg, Tennessee; PFC Dominick

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LCDR Mary T. Sproul, MSC, (W), officer-in-charge of the Armed Services Central Blood Processing Laboratory here, checks in a shipment of whole blood as it is unloaded by J. M. Osborne, HM2, C. P. Foreman, HM2, Sgt. W. I. Killion, and C. E. Walters, HMI, blood bank technicians. Thirty-five Red Cross blood donor centers all over the United States have shipped blood into the laboratory since 29 August.

## Hail and Farewell Party Tonight

Newcomers to the staff and those soon to depart will be honored tonight at another of the Staff's traditional "Hail and Farewell" parties. It is a blue jean and cotton dress affair, where an atmosphere of complete informality will prevail.

Cocktails will be served at the Officers Club from 1700 to 1830 when guests will turn their attention to a western style barbecue supper. Music for dancing will continue until midnight.

## Personality Rings Created by Patient

Something new has been added to the showcase in the Administration building—a collection of rings made by LT Albert E. Gilleese (SC), USN, Retired, who is currently a patient here.

Each of 11 rings represents a mental state such as "normal mind with an unusual twist," "genius," "split personality," "frustration," and "plain mind with bias twist."

Mr. Gilleese began work on these rings before coming to Oak Knoll and finished them in Occupational Therapy. Be sure to stop by and take a look at the ring you feel is best suited to your personality.



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## Welcome and Farewell

Thirty-five persons were received aboard while 15 were being transferred during the week of 30 August to 6 September. Transferred were CDR L. F. Friend, LCDR G. G. Clark, LT A. J. Farrell, and LTJG L. W. Condie, to Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan; CDR R. L. Wagner, to USNH, Mare Island; LCDR J. M. Nelson, to MSTs, San Francisco; LT U. Wilson, to USNH, Mare Island; LTJG N. C. Smith, to USS MAGOFFIN; LTJG A. P. Sparr, to USS TELEFAIR; LTJG J. E. Sparks, to Camp Pendleton; LT Lois E. Bagwell, to USNH, Memphis, Tenn.; Julia Clouse, HN, to Receiving Station, San Francisco; J. D. Caster, HM3, to SFNSY, San Francisco; and R. R. Belong, HN, to DECOM MSTs, PAC.

Received aboard were LCDR R. H. Cassidy and LT R. D. Owen, from civilian life; LT M. Perry, from SFNSY, San Francisco; CDR R. A. Hicks, from civilian life; CWOHC L. E. Black, from NNMCC, Bethesda,

Maryland; the following nurses reported aboard from civilian life: LT's Marger E. Allison and Frances K. Ball, LTJG's Irene A. Krizanosky, Shirley Z. Borchardt, Lena R. Anastasia, Dorothy A. Adams, Lonora F. Amlong, Mary E. Dalton, Adelaide J. Wilkinson, Catherine L. Werner, Charlotte A. Armstrong, Geneva Barker, and ENS Virginia P. Jordon; A. L. Leverette, HM2, and HN's R. S. Harbour and R. E. Weeks from RecSta, San Francisco; H. Jones, HM3, and D. F. Robinson, HM, from USNH, San Diego; J. M. Osborne, HM2, from USNH, Newport, Rhode Island; W. M. Wagner, HM1, and M. J. Houlehan, HM3, from Receiving Station, Great Lakes, Illinois; F. Bak, HMC, from SFNSY, San Francisco; E. E. Yukra, HM1, A. H. Davis, HM2, and R. E. Disrechters, HN, from RecSta, Boston, Mass.; C. P. Foriman, HM2, and C. E. Walter, HM1, from NNMCC, Bethesda, Maryland; and M. H. Sineath, HN, C. R. Thomas, HM3, and E. D. Wariock, HM2, from Naval Base, South Carolina.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### ON DUTY

The sailor who is proud of his job, proud of his ship or outfit has the highest morale. It goes with a sense of duty. Once it is developed, your sense of worth in the service makes you glad you're you.

No one can and will develop a sense of duty unless he has a high regard for moral principles, for morality is the cement which holds men together in units and groups. Moral principles are those rules of life which help us to respect the other man and to work together with the others in the performance of our daily tasks.

The poet Wordsworth once called duty the "stern daughter of the voice of God"; the "voice of God" in each of us is conscience. You and I have a way of knowing what is right and what is wrong. Our conscience is quick to make us feel very uncomfortable when we walk out on a job, for example, or when we let other people down. Conscience prefers to have us do our duty. The real sense of duty consists of letting our conscience be our guide.

A few men and women in the service have the mistaken idea that "duty" is just a game of solitaire. This is not the case, those who think otherwise... haven't gotten the word. We are in the big league now, our rate, Spec. No., M.O.S., or rank takes on an increased significance. That particular number which classifies you and your work is a description of the particular job you can do best. There are two sides to your classification, like the "heads and tails" of a coin. One side is the description of the job, on the other side is an implied statement of what this job expects of you. Good Duty to you.

—FRANCIS JOHN KLASS  
Catholic Chaplain

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—James D. Hester  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 135.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 135.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
**Monday—**  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.  
**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.  
**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings



**BERKELEY CANTEN SERVICE HELPS AT FISH FRY.** Mrs. Arthur Myer and Mrs. Edna Stacey serve fishermen-patients.

A last moment change in plans made the long awaited FISH FRY an outdoor instead of an inside affair and the warm afternoon beckoned the patients from the Lounge to the green turf of the baseball field. This necessitated a quick confab among members of the lucky fishing group who had boated some three hundred pounds of potential filets at Half-Moon Bay the day before.

Two committees were set up, one to filet the fish and one to construct an outdoor barbecue, build a charcoal fire, and see to the cookery. (Good thing we had a bunch of seasoned woodsmen in our midst!!) CASTLEMAN, LINN, JEFFRESS, and YERKY took care of the fish handling, and IVY, LOWE, TECHMEYER, and LESTER liberated a bunch of bricks and built a masterly barbecue along the shady streamside. Oscar of the Waldorf couldn't have cooked a more tasty batch of fish than was served to this group of between forty to fifty people. Coffee, salad, and dessert were provided by the Commissary Department, and nothing was left for the birds!

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

27 August

GARY, Rodney Lee, to wife of Robert Gary, AA, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.  
FARMER, Beth, to wife of Floyd Farmer, SN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
SINATRA, Phillip Anthony, to wife of Anthony Sinatra, MM3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
CUNNINGHAM, Jacqueline E., to wife of James Cunningham, SD2, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

28 August

SUTTON, Shirlene Ann, to wife of Allanette Sutton, SN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
BOURKE, Niell Rori, to wife of Richard Bourke, CDR, Retired, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
HANSEN, Colleen Jane, to wife of Richard Hansen, Ch., Corp., 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
TURBIN, Margaret Mae, to wife of Burton Turbin, HN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
MORRISON, Toby Clyde, to wife of George Morrison, LT., 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

29 August

WILCOXSON, Martha Elizabeth, to wife of Samuel Wilcoxson, Ch. Yeoman, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.  
TROUTT, Michael Edgar, to wife of James Troutt, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
DOSCHER, Barbara Ann, to wife of James Doscher, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

30 August

MANGUS, Brenda Kay, to wife of Herbert Mangus, BM2, 8 pounds.  
KINNEY, Sherilyn Ann, to wife of Laurence Kinney, MM2, 6 pounds.  
DAVIS, Kenneth Edward, to wife of Kenneth Davis, SK3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
HENDRICKSON, Renee Marie, to wife of James Hendrickson, SK2, 7 pounds.  
BARR, Denise Eileen, to wife of Arthur Barr, OMC, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.  
MYHRUM, Parnell Howard, Jr., to wife of Parnell Myhrum, HM1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
LARAMORE, Henry Hugh, Jr., to wife of Henry Laramore, LCDR, 7 pounds.

31 August

MELLIN, Cynthia Ann, to wife of Frank L. Mellin, AD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.  
LALLEY, Patricia June, to wife of John Lalley, ADC, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

1 September

WAGNER, Wayne Douglas, to wife of Richard Wagner, SN, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.  
BROWN, John William, to wife of William Brown, AD1, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

2 September

MERITT, Donna Lee, to wife of Donald Meritt, AT1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
COBB, James Mark, to wife of James Cobb, HMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.  
HAM, Paula Rae, to wife of Paul Ham, MM1, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

## Oak Knoll Host To "Breakfast Gang"

Mel Venter and his Breakfast Gang of the Mutual Broadcasting System came to Oak Knoll Wednesday afternoon to record the program which was broadcast at 0715 today, Saturday. On the program were Bill Sweeney, sound effect man and weather forecaster; Julie Mason, lovely singer for the show; and Aimee Ackley, coffee maker and comedienne of the group.

Although the show was broadcast at 1330, because of the time on the air, everyone was asked to cooperate and pretend it was really the time Mel gave during the time signals. LT Nancy Wallace therefore "had just 20 minutes to go on duty," Bill Gellits, HN from Pediatrics, also interviewed, was supposed to be on duty and Charley Asbelle, amputee worker here, hadn't come aboard the compound yet.

The interviews, short but lively were broadcast from the recording at 0715 this morning, Saturday over station KFRC in San Francisco. It was a highly entertaining show with all members doing their best to amuse the audience. Miss Mason's singing was well above average, but it was Bill Sweeney with his crack antics at the sound effects which completely overwhelmed the watchers.

DAY, Howard, to wife of Alfred Day, SN, 4 pounds, 15 ounces.  
BALLESTEROS, Estrellita Collado, wife of Narciso Ballesteros, TN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.  
GALLMAN, Bertha Virginia, to wife of John W. Gallman, MMC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.



## Who's Who...

If you want to take a fast trip somewhere, call the Wave's barracks and ask for Edith Rush, HM1. Edith has a pilot's license and a great enthusiasm for flying. She spends most of her spare time in the air. At the present she is trying for a commercial license in addition to the private license she now holds. Having



completed ground school and 200 hours in the air she has a good chance of making it. One of her flights was to her home in Newport, Oregon, a distance of 700 miles.

Edith was born in Chateau, Montana and enlisted in the Waves at Portland, Oregon in August, 1944. She went through "boot camp" at Hunter's College and attended corps school at Bethesda, Maryland. Before arriving at this station 7 November, 1947, she attended X-ray school in Bethesda. She is now assigned to the X-ray department here.

This is the second tour of duty at Oak Knoll for Robert L. Scott, HMC, who now works in the record office. He had duty here from November 1946 to February 1947 and returned 4 August 1950. His duties have varied widely, and before coming to Oak Knoll this time he attended MAT school in Bethesda, Maryland.



Chief Scott was born in Oakland and enlisted in the Navy in San Francisco 12 January, 1942. He is married and has two small children, Donna Jean, age five, and Deborah Ruth, age two. His home at the present time is in Komandorski Village. Most of his spare time is spent playing golf, although bowling is one of his favorite recreational activities. Before coming into the Navy he worked as a bookkeeper.

One of our most recent arrivals on this station is Ray Cameron, HA, who reported 7 August, 1950. He came here from Corps School in San Diego, California where he graduated as honor man of his class—a distinction to be proud of.

Cameron was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and enlisted in the same city 13 February, 1950. From there he went to San Diego through boot training and school before arriving here. Before entering the Navy he worked as a salesman.

Ray has an interesting hobby as well as an unusual one. He collects bus tokens and has a large collection from many places. He enjoys his duty here and especially likes being a corpsman. He enjoys learning new things and thinks medical work is a good place to learn. Besides his hobby he is interested in bowling and football.

## Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

Someone, somewhere, someday has absconded with the "Who's Who" picture, (photos taken of personnel appearing in that column) of the lovely, and lively, Alice Basnett, HM2 (W) who recently came aboard this compound. The picture was lifted from this paper's offices. It is easy to understand why anyone should want to confiscate it, but we want to reproduce it in the Oak Leaf so that everyone can enjoy it. Unless the admirer is desperately and terribly desirous of keeping it, please return it to this office.

Due to the large turnover of personnel on this station, it is difficult, to say the least, to find information for our column. The other day, one of the new men did something which would have made nice filler for this column. When we asked his name, he immediately went on the defensive, saying, "Whatcha wanta know for?"

I gave him all the necessary information, explaining as I went along that it was all in fun and couldn't possibly be used against him, but all I could get out of the man was "Whatcha wanta know for?"

Now when that is the only answer one gets, it becomes tiresome; and when all that one hears is "Whatcher name" I imagine that becomes tiresome, too. Anyway, we were on the threshold of fisticuffs, breathing beligerently down each other's necks when I happened to look beyond him and noticed a small boxing figurine standing on his bedside locker. "That yours?" I asked. "Yeah," he answered; and for some reason, the impending war was cancelled. Forfeiture, they call it, I believe.

Bill Thrasher and R. J. O'Neil, galley corpsmen on 73 and 72, respectively, have announced that they are both "clear-blooded, red-eyed young Americans." This may, of course, come as a distinct surprise to some, who may even think it a misprint, but to those who are privileged enough to know the two, it is the strict truth.

Why is it that Mickey Sumerlin and Ron Bostrom are waiting and praying for orders? Is there a dark, nefarious plot going around that we haven't heard as yet?

Richard L. (I'm from Texas) Bostwick, HN in the Receiving Room hasn't done a thing lately that warrants publication. And when a Texan doesn't make the news at least once an hour, it breaks his poor heart. For that reason, his name is included here. Richard L. Bostwick.

Editor's note: With this article, Glenn W. Oberlin, writer of this column, concludes his works. The ward on which he works, 63B, has been too busy of late for him to find time to write this column, and rather than continue to throw the tripe which improper preparation gives to his readers, he has decided to resign.

The Navy has ordered an immediate reconditioning job on the hospital ship Haven, as replacement for the Benevolence, sunk in a West Coast accident.



**ANOTHER SIX YEARS**—Lee Green, HMC, (W), USN, received the Oath of office from Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, as she re-enlisted last week for six years.

A veteran of seven years' service in the WAVES, the chief has served at various stations and has had a variety of duties. She first reported to Oak Knoll in August, 1943, to attend the first Corps School held at this hospital. Then, as a member of the staff, she was assigned to surgery and later to the post of MAA in the WAVES' quarters. Subsequent duty took her to other stations on the West Coast.

In February, 1947, she returned to Oak Knoll, went to work in Occupational Therapy, and has continued at this assignment.

A graduate of Berea College, Kentucky, who did post-graduate work at Iowa State College, Chief Green was an instructor in home economics, math, and English at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Pine Mountain, Kentucky prior to her entry into the service in July of 1943. She has been on continuous active duty since that time.



The following new books are available at the Crew's Library:

### NOVELS

Sunrise to Sunset, Samuel H. Adams; Homeward Borne, Chatterton; Fiddler's Green, Gann; The Plymouth Adventure, Gebler; The Stubborn Heart, Frank Slaughter; Star Money, Kathleen Winsor; Flood-tide, Frank Yerby.

### WESTERNS

Sundown, Al Cody; Maverick Queen, Zane Grey; Bad Men on Halfaday Creek, Hendry; Law of the Gun, Rider; The Hide Rustlers, Savage.

### MYSTERIES

Contraband, Cleve Adams; A Lonely Way to Die, Debrete; Case of the Musical Cow, E. S. Gardner; Edge of Panic, Kane; Episode of the Wandering Knife, Mary Roberts Rinehart.

### NON FICTION

100 Years of Baseball, Allen; A Grand Time Living, Don Blanding; The Cocktail Party, T. S. Eliot; The Red Army Today, Ely; Roosevelt in Retrospect, Gunther; I Chose Justice, Kravchenko; Courtroom, Reynolds; Saco, the Rice Paddy Navy, Stratton.

## Donkey Wins With One Throw

Heehaw, Heehaw

The donkey got the first and the last laugh on Theresa Suska, a Wave seaman from NAS, Alameda, who was admitted to Ward 72A with a severe contusion, left shoulder, as a result of a fall while playing donkey baseball at her home station. "Baseball is fun; Donkey's are fun; But they just don't mix," said Theresa today.

## Korean Casualties

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Canissario, Newberg, New Jersey; SGT Kenneth Collier, Brookfield, Missouri; PFC C. C. Smith, Council Bluffs, Iowa; PFC D. D. Bristol, Los Angeles, California; CPL Roger Williams, Ohio; PFC Frederick S. Brink, Fall City, Nebraska; 2nd LT David R. Cowling, Lynden, Washington; PFC Frank Merkle, Norman, Oklahoma; PFC Albert E. Pacheco, Fresno, California; 2nd LT Edward C. Hall, Liberty, Texas; SGT W. J. Lang, Reno, Nevada; SGT Richard A. Reese, Lewiston, Pennsylvania; PFC Harold Riordan, Rochester, New York; SGT H. H. Fallaw, San Francisco; PFC C. J. Hardiman, Oceanside, California; CPL Daniel A. Harvey, Me'rose, Massachusetts; SGT John R. Taylor, Chicago, Illinois; PFC Peter Emeterio, Puente, California.



# Welfare Quintet Takes 6th Straight, Wallop Dillies 38-14

The men of Welfare and Recreation captured their sixth consecutive game Tuesday afternoon when their superior passing and shooting kept them in front of the Dental Crew to let them finish the game with a 38 to 14 bulge on the Dillies.

Most of the scoring by the Welan-Rec forces was done in the second half when they poured 24 counters through the hoop. Half time score was only 12 to 6 in favor of the winners. During the first quarter, only three baskets were made, two by the winners and one by the Dental Crew, to give the game one of the slowest starts seen in league play.

Scoring by the Welfare forces was evenly divided with Bill Schneider leading with 12 counters. C. A. Johnson and J. A. Reginato followed with 10 apiece and the other two members of the squad, W. E. Wiley and G. E. Papadikas, garnering two and four points respectively.

Hoffman, Serrano, and Tapia all tied for scoring honors for the Dental Dillies at four apiece and Cowles followed with two points to round out the scoring for the losers.

At only one point in the game were the Dentals in a threatening position, when they tied the score at 2-all with six minutes gone in the first quarter. Johnson came back with a quick lay-up a minute later to push the Welan-Rec men into the lead which they held the remainder of the game.

The fast break as employed by the winners was the deciding factor in the contest. Several times during the second half Johnson remained in back court and took a long pass from a teammate for a solo lay-up. Reginato, on snappy ball handling and driving shots, kept the Dillies from settling and Schneider with his tip-ins, and backboard control kept them from employing a fast break of their own.



# Five Teams Formed For Football League; Opening Day Questioned

Five teams have now signed up to participate in the Intra-Departmental Six Man Touch Football League, but a sixth is needed before any schedules will be drawn up.

The league is scheduled to begin play on 15 September, but it is hoped by team managers that it can be postponed until the end of the Intra-Departmental Basketball League. If it is begun while the basketball league is playing, several members of both teams will be unable to participate in games because both of their teams may be playing at the same time.

Jack Nicholl, manager of the Dental basketball squad, said of the arrangement, "We may have to disband the basketball team to give the members time to practice football. Certainly we will have to cancel the remainder of the games if the football league does begin playing before the basketball schedule is completed. We don't have enough personnel to form teams in both sports at the same time."

More or less the same words were echoed by other managers. Most athletes now participating in basketball want to join football teams too, but would be unable to because of the dual games. Too, without the basketball players, few managers will be able to find enough men willing to play since most athletes aboard are represented in the basketball groups.

## NIGHT CREW FIGURED TO WIN

Favored to cop the crown in the Football League is the Night Crew, under the guidance of C. F. "Shank" Young, diminutive manager of the basketball squad. With such men as Bob Worsham, B. B. Hook, Bob Irvine, Gerald Keane and H. J. Owens, the Night Crew has a speedy, passing aggregation which could run up touchdowns by the dozen. Although their team is light—which could make for high scores on both sides—the knowledge and speed of the Nighters will certainly go a long way toward keeping passes and runs from making any long gains.

Led by C. A. Johnson, an all-state star in his native Texas, the Welfare and Recreation team will give many hard times to other teams but shouldn't grab the crown because of a lack of reserves. George Papadakis, newcomer to the department who has shown plenty of speed and aggressiveness in basketball games, will be a decided help to the forces of Joe Reginato, but unless added aid is imported from somewhere, the two won't be able to cope with such teams as the Night Crew. A complete roster hasn't been compiled at this time, however, so the outcome is still very much in doubt.

## DENTAL CREW UNKNOWN

The Dental Crew is decidedly an unknown factor in football play. In basketball they don't have too much

speed or aggressiveness and they have a definitely erratic passing attack. Since the plays in touch football are primarily passing plays, this lack of passing coordination seriously hampers their chances of steadily winning ball games. Men such as Serrano, Mitchell, Hoffman, and Nichols give them average speed and weight, though, so they have a better than even chance of taking a few . . . if they want to.

The group of players as raised by Eddie Estrada is another unknown quantity. Their capabilities are a great big capital X, but if they have anything at all, the coaching and spirit they will receive from their manager will bring it out . . . all of it. Unlike so many of the players, Eddie doesn't believe in quitting when the score piles up, and the men he plays with usually are brought around to that point of view.

The Ad Building has some good, stout men, but no passers and less speed. With luck they could keep a low score hung on their opponents' neck, but 0 to 0 is still a tie game and pennants aren't won on tie ball games. With more luck, they could score, but then their defensive luck would again enter the picture and few teams are that lucky.

# AdMen Set Record; Land On Unknowns

Long and lanky F. B. Aungst hooked and tipped-in 30 points to personally outscore the entire Unknown team and lead the AdMen in a resounding 70 to 28 whipping in which four league records were shattered and three new marks were set Thursday, 31 August. Records were broken by J. C. Stevenson and Aungst when they hit for 24 and 30 points respectively to erase Aungst's old mark of 18.

The previous high score of 60 for any team in a single game, set by the AdMen against the Dental Crew was smashed by the 70 counters tossed through by the red-hot AdMen, and the total points scored in a single game went begging as 98 total points were racked up by the two teams.

After the first quarter, there was no doubt as to who'd be the eventual winner in the game, but the rout didn't begin until late in the third quarter when the tired men of W. H. Vandiver couldn't keep their chins off the decks long enough to catch the fast-breaking AdMen. With one man stationed under the basket at all times, it was just a case of recover the rebound and throw it down the court for the score.

High scorer for the losers was their manager, Vandiver, who tossed 12 counters through the net in a vain attempt at overtaking the AdMen.

# Ad Building Upset Easily--44 to 35--By Night Crew

In a hard fought game last Wednesday evening, the AdMen were upset by the Night Crew. The AdMen playing without the services of three regulars in their lineup, were unable to match the sharpshooting of the Nighters.

For a short time during the beginning of the game it looked as if the AdMen might hold their own and make it a close game. But with the score 4-0 against them the Night Crew began to find the range and took the lead for the rest of the game. By half time they were leading by the score of 29-16.

F. B. Aungst, playing his usual stellar game was leading pointman for both teams with a total of 16. He was closely followed by teammate W. Foletta and C. F. Young of the Nightmen, who both had 14 points to their credit. Foletta and Aungst took different halves of the game, do their scoring, with Foletta making most of his in the first two quarters and Aungst taking over from there with a nice hook shot. Aungst had difficulty during the first half getting away from guard Bob Irvine. Young and H. J. Owens, of the night crew playing a brilliant defensive game as well as sparkling on offense, were continual thorns in the side of the AdMen.

Poor passing and inability to get under the basket for the close quarters were the chief difficulties of the AdMen and without the services of the regular team could not get started. Many times bad passes kept them from getting away on a fast break.

While the AdMen were having their troubles, the Night Crew, presenting a well-balanced team, were able to steal the ball several times and shoot for two points before they could be stopped. Bob Irvine, although not too high in scoring, continually broke up the offense of the AdMen and shot the ball away to his teammates. His rebounding and accuracy at the free-throw lane were also a great help.

Although this game did not change the league standings, it did put a crimp in the chances of the AdMen for taking the league championship. This is the second loss for the AdMen in six games. Welfare and Recreation is presently leading the league with six straight wins without a loss. Winning this game brought the Night Crew within half a game of the second place AdMen.

Aungst still leads in league scoring with a total of 98 points for six games. His nearest contender is Young of the Night Crew with a total of 80 points.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Welfare	6	0	1.000	197	96
Administration	4	2	.667	261	180
Nights	3	2	.600	170	165
Unknowns	1	3	.250	65	157
Dental	1	4	.200	121	193
Independents	0	4	.000	53	76

## SCORING LEADERS

	GP	FG	FT
Aungst, Administration	6	48	2
Young, Nights	5	25	1
Foletta, Administration	5	25	0
Schneider, Welfare	4	21	2
Owens, Nights	5	20	4

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## President Signs New Allowance Bill\*

Washington (AFPS) — Congressional action on the living allowance bill for enlisted service men's families has been completed and forwarded to the White House for the President's signature.

To compensate for the rise in living costs, Congress made the allowances substantially higher all along the line. But it put a ceiling on the number of dependents the government will help support. A man with ten dependents will be eligible for no more than a man with three.

The provision is to avoid a situation which developed in World War II, when some draftees with large families drew larger monthly checks than high-ranking officers with equally large families.

The bill expresses the feeling of Congress that the armed forces should take steps to discharge men with more than three dependents as "hardship cases," but does not make that a mandatory rule.

Officers are not included because they already get "quarters allowances" ranging from \$60 a month for a bachelor second lieutenant to \$150 a month for a general with a family. Here are the monthly allowances provided in the bill:

Grades E-7 and E-6: \$147.50 for one or two dependents, \$165 for three or more; \$80 of it comes from the soldier's own pay.

Grades E-5 and E-4: \$127.50 a month for one or two dependents, \$145 for three or more; \$60 of it comes from the soldier's own pay.

Lower grades: \$85 for one dependent, \$107.50 for two, \$125 for three or more; \$40 comes from the soldier's own pay.

The same scale applies to equivalent Navy ranks.

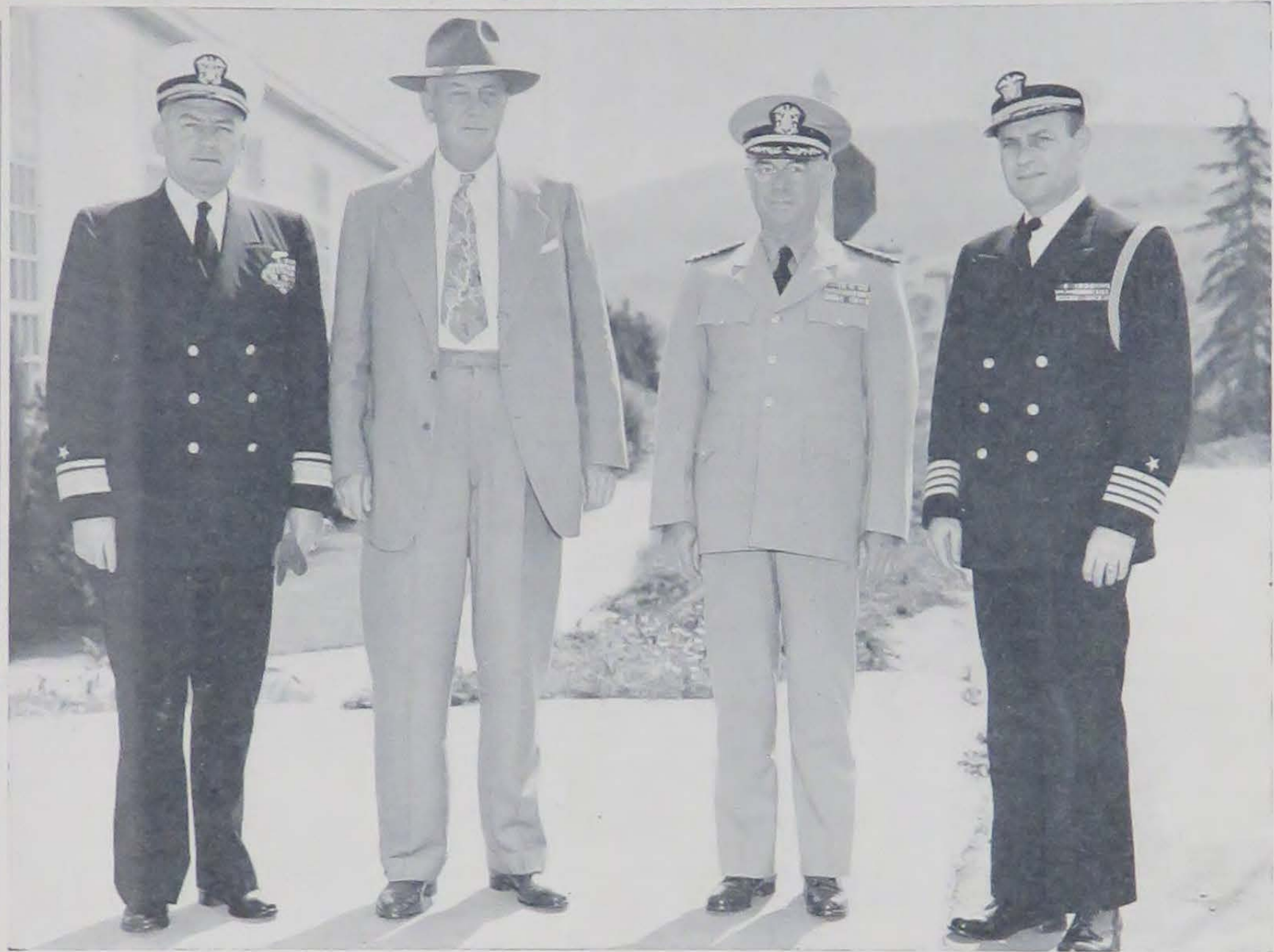
After the bill becomes law, the first allowance checks will be mailed as soon as the Armed Forces complete the necessary clerical work.

\*Editor's Note: Since this was written, the President has signed a family allowance bill. Complete details of the bill have not been received as yet.

## Eldorado County Fair Fruit On Menu

Fruit from the El Dorado County Fair was on the bill of fare for patients here Wednesday, through the kindness of the American Legion Post in Placerville.

Legionnaires delivered two cases each of prize-winning fresh plums and peaches, four boxes of apples, and 35 boxes of pears to the hospital at the close of the Fair.



Accompanying Under Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball, second from the left, on his tour of the hospital Monday were Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, 12th ND Commandant, Captain S. S. Cook, and the Under Secretary's aide, Captain S. S. Bowling.

## Undersecretary Kimball Visits Hospital

### Welfare Announces Football Games

Football games, a dinner party, and a band concert are on the entertainment schedule for the patients during the coming week, LTR. L. Thompson, director of Welfare and Recreation, has announced.

The University of California will open its season in Berkeley against Santa Clara Saturday, 23 September. Forty patients from this hospital may attend and will go as a group to Cal Stadium. Sign up for this game before 1200 Wednesday if you are interested.

Another football game is on tap, with the 49ers meeting the Chicago Bears Sunday, 24 September. The first 35 patients to apply for tickets may see this game. Sign up prior to Wednesday morning of the week before the game.

Thursday night dinner parties at the Claremont Hotel are being resumed, and seven patients from Oak Knoll are invited to attend. Anyone interested should sign up in the Welfare

### Commandant Commends Staff

The Commanding Officer is pleased to relay, with his thanks and congratulations, the following commendation from the Commandant to members of the staff who were aboard on the night of 25 August.

From: Commandant, 12th Naval Dist.  
To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif.

Subj.: Performance of Duty of Personnel of U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, during rescue operations following the BENEVOLENCE Disaster

1. The Commandant is most gratified by the outstanding professional and administrative ability displayed by the personnel of the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, in handling the admission of 242 survivors of the BENEVOLENCE disaster.

2. It is desired that the Commanding Officer convey to the personnel concerned the commendation and appreciation of the Commandant for their exemplary emergency effort.

B. J. RODGERS

### Tours Departments; Talks to Casualties

Under Secretary of the Navy Dan Kimball paid his first visit to Oak Knoll Monday afternoon, coming to the Bay Area to speak at the West Coast Allocation Production Conference and to participate in the commissioning of the USS BAIROKO at Hunter's Point.

Arriving here at 1430, he toured the hospital with the Commanding Officer. Included in his itinerary were the Amputee Center, Wards 42-A and 44-A, where he talked with casualties from Korea, the Psychiatric Center, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, the Armed Forces Central Blood Processing Laboratory, Red Cross Lounge and Hobby Shop, the Chapel, and the Chief Petty Officers Club. The party also toured the grounds of the decommissioned San Leandro Hospital.

Rear Admiral Bertram J. Rogers, Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, accompanied Mr. Kimball here from District Headquarters. Also in the official party was Captain S. S.

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## Wife Expresses Appreciation For Husband's Care

Vacaville, California  
10 September, 1950

Dear Captain Cook:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of 5 September, 1950.

I want you to know that I could not possibly find words to express my appreciation for all that was done for my husband during the time that he was at Oak Knoll. Truly the doctors, nurses, corpsmen, and the entire staff were kind beyond words to him and to me also. My husband realized that everything possible was being done for him and often expressed the regret that he did not get there much sooner.

I want you to know also that I am most grateful to you for permitting me to remain with my husband at the end. He had asked me to stay with him, and he often signified that he knew I was there. I shall be grateful to you for this privilege as long as I live, and also for the many, many kindnesses shown me by the staff of Ward 75-B.

Again — a very deep and sincere "thank you."

Sincerely yours,

ANITA R. BRANN

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

In a broadcast in June, the minister of the "Back to God Hour" said, "Christianity is the only power big enough to contest Communism in this world. The fundamental issue is not one of political and economic systems, but rather of spiritual ideologies." He might have said further that the ultimate prize is not land or wealth, but the souls of men. In the light of these truths, the prophetic voice of today needs to cry, "Look to your weapons." God grant that America and our allies never perish and later historians pass the solemn judgment that our Civilization perished because we neglected our true weapons.

And what is our most powerful weapon? Love!!! And what does Christianity promise a man that nothing else can guarantee? Freedom!! Jesus truly said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The seeds of destruction are in the weapons of darkness—lies, half-truths, hatred, suspicion of one's brother. God grant that we of America never use these weapons in our struggle against the powers of darkness.

—JAMES D. HESTER, Protestant Chaplain

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### Protestant:

Chaplain—James D. Hester

Sunday—

Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)  
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

### Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

### Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Welfare Activities

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fare and Recreation Office prior to Wednesday on the week they wish to go. The men will be picked up at the Community Service Building and will go as a group to the Claremont.

The Marine Band is returning to Oak Knoll on Thursday, 21 September. Everyone who has attended one of their concerts knows that this is one of the finest bands ever to appear here. The concert will be in the auditorium, and everyone is invited to attend.

## Under Secretary

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Bowling, aide to the Under Secretary.

Mr. Kimball has held his present office since 26 May 1949 and had previously served as Assistant SecNav for Air.

The teacher was testing the knowledge of the kindergarten class. Placing a half-dollar on the desk, she said sharply, "What is that?"

A small voice from the back row, "Tails."

## Red Cross Ramblings

While thumbing through various magazines, one reads "Don't be a wall flower, learn to dance the easy way!" and this caption is always accompanied by an attractive gal with a partner floating through space. This feat can now be accomplished here at Oak Knoll in the Red Cross Lounge on Friday afternoons. You can learn to samba, rhumba, or that revival of the Charleston may appeal to your esthetic feet. The Arthur Murray instructors will be here with their favorite recordings from 1300 to 1600.

Happy Birthday to you!! A cake and our best wishes to Nieves Navarez, AN, on Ward 42A and to Warren Kennedy, Ward 49B, on September 6th. Warren has been a patient here for the past many months and has gathered around him a group of friends. How many candles on those cakes, men?

While approaching Ward 50B, should you hear a purring sound, it comes from the needles of Wong Lung, SD1, knitting baby socks for his twins in China. Kenneth Barrish, RM3, is busily scanning the instruction sheet for a beer mug pattern

somewhat the same as argyles in various shades even to the foam in cream wool on the top. George Cloward, YN3, is preparing for the skating season soon on its way to knitting a scarf.

Ping pong is still a favorite game at the Red Cross Lounge. We have standing room only last Wednesday when the patients from all wards vied for the Oak Knoll Champeen ship!! D. L. Bartholome was finalist and the winner. How about signing up next week? You may get a mean swing with a paddle against that opponent.

Illness often makes the minor irritations of life seem just plain exasperating. You can't get out of bed to do your own shopping. Or for a perfectly good reason you may lack both a toothbrush and the money to pay for one. Perhaps you are temporarily forced to turn "southpaw" in your letter-writing, and you're not satisfied with the results.

Personal Service Gray Ladies are able to help with most of those little bothersome problems. When your difficulties are too great to be classified as "minor," the Gray Lady will help you get in touch with the Red Cross case worker for your ward. Remember — your problems are our problems — and we want to help you work things out in the way you yourself prefer. Remember, too, what you say to the case worker will be held in confidence.

## Chapel Wedding



In a quiet, informal ceremony at the Oak Knoll chapel, J. L. Seale, HN, the station laundry, claimed the former Elizabeth Rose Dias, of Walnutville, as his bride. The wedding took place Thursday, 31 August, Chaplain F. J. Klass officiating.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, M. F. Dias, wore a dress of toast-colored nylon material with harmonizing veil and accessories.

Present for the ceremony were parents and a few intimate friends. A short reception was held immediately afterward at Svengsgaard Restaurant on East Foothill.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

3 September

KISSEL, Henry James, Jr., to wife of Henry Kissel, MA3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

UTKE-RAMSING, Mark, to wife of Verner Utke-Ramsing, LCDR, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

SOWA, Paula Mae, to wife of Thadeuz Sowa, SN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

JOHNSON, David LeRoy, to wife of William Johnson, SD3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

CONRAD, Deborah Lynn, to wife of Ralph Conrad, SK1, 6 pounds.

4 September

GREEN, Baby Girl, to wife of William Green, SD2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

FERNANDEZ, Dennis James, to wife of Raymond Fernandez, ME3, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

McDANIEL, Janis Cherie, to wife of Brice McDaniel, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

TURNIPSEED, Baby Boy, to wife of Derrick Chadwick Turnipseed, CDR, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

5 September

THOMAS, Teri Dianne, to wife of Walter Thomas, HMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

KERNS, Catherine Ann, to wife of Ted Kerns, ENFN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

HULTEN, William Scott, to wife of Albert Hulten, LT, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

BARTMES, Russell Franklin, to wife of Russell Bartmes, ENS, 9 pounds, 15 ounces.

McKILLOP, Rosalie, to wife of Clayton McKillop, DC3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

ADAMS, Baby Boy, to wife of Alton Adams, LCDR, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

PORTER, Sarah Gilman, to wife of Robert Porter, LTJG, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

WAGNER, Stephen Michael, to wife of Stephen Wagner, AM2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

McEWING, Diane Elizabeth, to wife of Charles McEwing, BM2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

WINFORD, Theiry Ann, to wife of Mont Lee Winford, Jr., 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

MATTHEWS, Arlis Cheneta, to wife of Francis Matthews, SN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

PARSONS, Nancy Darling, to wife of William Parsons, QM1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

6 September

GOW, Dennis Charles, to wife of Charles Gow, BM2, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

SCOTT, Baby Boy, to wife of William Scott, TN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

REED, Don Paul, to wife of Richard Reed, SD2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

BREEDLOVE, Elenor Celeste, to wife of John Breedlove, MMC, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

LADD, Loyce Jacqueline, to wife of Leo J. Ladd, HMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

STONE, James Michael, to wife of Thomas Stone, YN1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

7 September

McCLAIN, Kevin Stuart, to wife of William McClain, AM2, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

TAGGART, Kathryn Elaine, to wife of William Taggart, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

NANNEY, Jean, to wife of Gene Nanney, IC3, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

8 September

BROCKMAN, Michael Dennis, to wife of James Brockman, YN2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

WREN, Steven Bruce, to wife of William E. Wren, Jr., RM1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

NELSEN, Rex Ernest, to wife of Rex Nelsen, AD1, 8 pounds.

MILLER, Gary Timothy, to wife of Thomas Miller, AM1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

HENSON, Patrick, to wife of Joseph Henson, AD2, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

FULCHER, Sheila Leslie, to wife of Lester Fulcher, Sgt., 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

ROBERTS, Baby Girl, to wife of Edward Roberts, LCDR, 7 pounds 9 ounces.

ARNOLD, Suzanne Elizabeth, to wife of John Arnold, EN2, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

PERALTA, Michael Corley, to wife of Alfonso C. Peralta, SN1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

DOSS, Joel Burgess, Jr., to wife of Joel Doss, HM1, 8 pounds.

SCHUH, Karen Patricia, to wife of Walter Schuh, MM3, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.



## Who's Who . . .

After spending some 18 months in the regulars during the war, Earl Richardson, HM3 in the Record Office, decided to return to active duty



during the "police action" in Korea when he received THE WORD that he was needed.

Richardson comes from Carmel, Maine, where he has lived with his

wife, Avis, and two children since his discharge from active duty in July, 1946. While there, he attended college and was studying to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Basketball is one of the reservist's favorite sports, but in his spare time he has the unique hobby of doing "everything." He was first recalled to active duty on 12 August of this year and reported to Oak Knoll just 15 days later from the Receiving Station, Boston, Mass.

One of the busiest men on the station at the present time is Francis A. Hoke, HM1, who spends his working hours in the Officer Personnel division.



Almost any time during the day, one can find him hard at work at his desk or carrying some important papers around.

Hoke is one of our older Navy men, having en-

listed in the Navy in May of 1942. Since that time, his duty has been varied, with a good part of it spent overseas in the Pacific. He arrived at Oak Knoll in April, 1948 from the Receiving Station in San Diego. While stationed at this base, his home address is 4179 St. Andrews Road, where he lives with his wife and 7 year old daughter, Betty.

Charles W. Metcalfe, HM1, likes to spend his spare time telling sea stories. Whether on liberty or just relaxing in the quarters, when he gets the opportunity, the stories roll.

Metcalfe is a member of the Naval Reserve and was called back into service in August of this year. He had formerly enlisted in



the Navy in Albany, New York, in August, 1941. He arrived at Oak Knoll from Brooklyn Receiving Station on 1 September.

Although moving around quite a bit while in the Navy, his original home was in Rochester, New York, where he worked for the A & P Tea Company. No hobbies were listed by the Record Office worker, but he does like hunting and fishing, he said. Since returning to active duty, however, his favorite pastime has been liberty and wondering why his close friends should call him "The Green-Eyed Monster." He can't understand it, he says, "Liberty and red eyes go together . . . not green."

## Welcome and Farewell

A total of 25 persons were received aboard while 43 were being transferred during the week of 6 September to 13 September. Those who left the station were LTJG R. V. Hickman and LTJG Fred Holzworth to Tokyo, Japan; LTJG J. W. Troy and LTJG R. P. Dobbie to Commander, Naval Forces, Far East; LTJG H. P. Hoyt to Commander, Fleet Activities, Sasabo, Japan; LTJG R. R. Hood, Jr. to Port Hueneme, California; LT's Beatrice M. Dambacher, Katherine M. Murphy, and Dorothy M. Singer, LTJG's Gertrude M. Adams, Pauline Babyak, Emma L. Dannan, Frances J. Darby, Irene M. Lewis, Esther F. Ramsey, Eileen A. Stark, Janet M. Wenzing, Faye L. Wilhelm, and Edith E. Wright to MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco, California; LT's Beryl R. Kober, and Dorothy G. Swallen, LTJG's Harriette A. Adams, Marcella G. Allard, Mary E. Dalton, Kathleen M. Daly, Grace E. Darney, Delta I. Daugharthy, Elsie D. L. Gravidahl, ENS's Laura W. Fedon, Doris J. Gibbs, Angie A. Palmisano, and Dorella L. Shockley to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California; LT Ethelyn C. Nelson to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California; HM3's R. F. Curry, and E. D. Kelly, HN's F. W. Chamber, C. R. Harlam, E. B. Jarman, D. E. Kimmons, B. L. Moore, E. M. Taylor, G. A. Alfred, and G. P. Woods to Commanding Officer, Receiving Station, San Francisco, California, for further transfer to Japan for further assignment by ComNav FE.

Received aboard were CAPT N. J. Cantley, U. S. Army, from Letterman General Hospital; LTJG R. P. Dobbie, Jr., from University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan; LTJG H. D. Murphy, from civilian life. The following nurses reported aboard from civilian life: LT's Ruth L. Anderson Klein, and Mary E. Price, LTJG's Eleanor V. Baker, Frances E. Griffith, Faith A. Salden, Anna M. Daly, Moinca F. Wersacks, and Frances J. Willard; LT Mary Grande, from NN MC Guam, Marianas Islands; R. J. Halcomb, HN, from USNH, Bremerton, Washington; L. A. Parkin, HN, from U. S. Naval Medical Supply Depot, Edgewater, N. J.; HM1's N. R. Major, and L. Rowlett, W. D. Phillips, HM2, HM3's A. F. Armbrust, B. E. McQuown, and Robert P. Nelson, HN's C. C. Svoboda, and F. J. Buckner, from USNRS, San Francisco, California; and HM2's M. H. Alderman, and Robert A. Eisenman, from Brooklyn, New York.

The Navy Mutual Aid Association has announced that no application for membership in the association will be accepted during the present emergency or until further notice is given. The association is an organization which insures Navy and Marine officers at lower rates than those charged by civilian companies, and in many instances insures those to whom civilian companies will not issue a policy.

She: "I wonder if you remember me? Years ago you asked me to marry you."

Absent-minded Professor: "Ah, yes; and did you?"



Mr. T. H. Shelton, assistant zone manager of Oakland zone for Oldsmobile, presents Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer of Oak Knoll Hospital, with keys to a new Oldsmobile for use by patients at the Amputee Center. Specially equipped, it is for the sole purpose of teaching amputee and orthopedic patients to drive. After completion of training, they are qualified to pass state driving examinations in such automobiles. This is the sixth new Oldsmobile presented by General Motors for this purpose.

## Looking Around Oak Knoll

By ANYONE

Before starting my assignment with the Oak Leaf, I would like to introduce myself as one of the four hundred and fifty corpsmen stationed here; I might be the guy that sleeps across from you; I might be the guy that pats you on the back and makes off with wise remarks; I could be one of the unhappy Reserves, or I could be one of the gripping oldtimers—so friends, beware, I could be "anyone."

Reno!! I understand the big little city was frequented by some of the local staff this past week end. To be more specific, you might ask S. Harris or G. Oberlin what the present situation in Reno is—although Harris' object was matrimony (which I might add involved a cute little woman). Oberlin, as you probably surmised, was investigating the intri-

cate and mystifying mechanisms of the whiskey well on the top deck of Harold's Club. To quote him and Flummer, "We were hooked for plenty." Now the question of the day arises: How did they finance the chartering of a private plane for this costly escapade?

Still on the subject of Reno, Pruitt, of 73-B, was seen a few days ago tossing half-dollars from hand to hand (both his). When asked what he was doing, he simply replied, "I am going to Reno and I want to get the feel of handling silver dollars." Shall we tell the boy now or later?

"The So and So" is the name of the newly remodeled cafe at Foothill and Seminary. After eating there I can understand why they call it "So and So." Do I make myself clear?

The Welfare and Recreation office has announced that the swimming pool will be closed Monday, 18 September, for approximately sixty days. Reason: It is to be made into an indoor pool.



Mrs. Birdie T. Finch, left, president of the Women's Division, Hotel Greeters of America, and Mrs. Berenice H. Bennett, secretary-treasurer, took time out from the Greeters convention at Hotel Claremont last week to visit Oak Knoll and inspect the neurosurgical instruments that are being used here as a result of their organization's generosity. The instruments, valued at \$1585, were originally presented to USNH, Long Beach, and were transferred here last April. Their purchase was made possible by voluntary contributions solicited by Mrs. Finch when she was serving as State president of the Hotel Greeters.



## NIGHT CREW UPSETS WELFARE 32-29

This game was the second in which F. B. Aungst, skyscraping center for the AdMen, was outscored by an opponent. The other time was against Welfare and Recreation when "Johnny" Johnson outscored him by two points. Aungst's sixteen points led the scoring for the AdMen, with manager Stevenson coming in second with twelve. It was late in the second half of the contest before Aungst was able to get in his difficult-to-guard hook shot.



Tom McClure, left-handed guard for the losers, ended as high man for that squad by hitting twice for four points. All of the Unknowns, with the exception of the man who was supposed to be guarding the fleet Johnson, did a good job on defense, and worked the backboards for an even break on the rebounds.

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Two opinions were expressed regarding the cause of this phenomenal behavior. Some thought the "bandit" took this means to relieve its conscience of past misdeeds; others believe the whole thing to be the result of overwork and exhaustion.

"Volleyball," the coach said, "is not a well-known game. For the most part, the men consider it sissified or a 'weak-sister's' game. It isn't though. It is very definitely a team sport and an excellent conditioner for basketball and other sports. That is one of the main reasons we are trying to form a league — to get athletes in condition for other sports."

## PREVIEWS

MY FRIEND IRMA—Marie Wilson, John Lund, Diana Lynn. A re-release with no available information.

Since this is the first loss for Welfare and Recreation they still lead the league with seven wins and one loss. The Night Crew is still in third place but breathing hard on the necks of the AdMen who hold second place by one-half game. With several more games to play, it is still anyone's tournament and the outcome will probably remain in doubt until the last game.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Welfare	7	1	.889	254	119
Administration	5	2	.714	303	216
Nights	4	2	.667	202	194
Unknowns	1	4	.200	76	185
Dental	1	4	.200	121	193
Independent	0	5	.000	89	118

### SCORING LEADERS

	GP	FG	F
Aungst, Administration	7	56	2
Johnson, Welfare	7	27	0
Young, Nights	6	26	1
Owens, Nights	6	24	5
Stevenson, Administration	6	26	0

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## Purple Heart Awarded to 120 Korea Wounded



### Posthumous Award For Corporal Harvey

The name of CPL Daniel A. Harvey was listed among those of his 91 Marine Corps buddies who received the Purple Heart Wednesday morning, but he did not live to receive the award. The 19-year-old corporal was wounded on 17 August and transferred to this hospital from overseas on 4 September. He died at 1835 on 19 September from complications resulting from a gunshot wound of the chest.

The Purple Heart will be awarded posthumously to his aunt, Mrs. Mary Cockburn, of Melrose, Mass.

### Admiral Rodgers, General Heaton Here To Honor Combat Heroes

One hundred twenty Army, Navy, and Marine Corps combat veterans, a majority of them between 19 and 22 years of age, received the Purple Heart medal in special ceremonies held here Wednesday morning. This was the first presentation of the Purple Heart in the United States to those men who were wounded in action in Korea.

Rear Admiral Bertram J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, and Major Leonard D. Heaton, MC, USA, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, presented the decorations to all who had not re-

ceived the award previous to their return to the states.

Captain Sterling S. Cook, Commanding Officer, officiated at the ceremonies which took place in Gendreau Circle, and at special bedside ceremonies conducted for each patient who was unable to attend the group presentation. Distinguished visitors who came to honor the wounded were Brigadier General Fred S. Robillard, USMC, from Marine Corps Headquarters, Department of the Pacific; and Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt, MC, USN, the Twelfth Naval District Medical Officer.

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## Purple Heart First Bravery Decoration

This country's oldest award of valor, the Order of the Purple Heart, was instituted by George Washington in 1782. It is believed to be the first military decoration for bravery by any country without respect to rank. Early in the American Revolution awards were made only to outstanding military leaders, and General Washington received the nation's first gold medal in appreciation of his having driven the British out of Boston in 1776. On 7 Aug., 1782, Washington in turn established an honor for the soldier himself. It was the Badge of Military Merit, which is now the Purple Heart.

Originally, it was purple cloth edged with white lace or binding and sewn on the left breast of the tunic. Using cloth instead of metal was more practical, for we were not capable of manufacturing medals in quantity then.

Feats of unusual gallantry, extraordinary fidelity and essential service were rewarded with this decoration. It was never abolished but for a time it was allowed to fall into disuse. The War Department announced on 22 Feb., 1932, the 200th Anniversary of Washington's birth, that the Purple Heart would again be issued out of respect to his memory and his achievements. The present decoration is a medal of gold and enamel, awarded all military personnel wounded in action or posthumously to the next of kin of those killed as a result of enemy action.



## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### DEISM

In substance, Deism is a belief in a personal God who exerts no influence on men or on the world He has created. It is a special form of rationalism. Deism admits the existence of God and the necessity of religion, but rejects Divine revelation and Dogma. Persons who delved into such reasonings were Voltaire, Rousseau, Cousin, Thiers, J. Simon, etc.

St. Paul asks us to have a reason for the faith that is in us. Faith in God and His Providence is not based on fear but on Love. All through the ages man has showed homage to God—God's law has exerted influence definitely. All that is good, all that is worthy in man can be traced back to man's respect for the Creator.

Our Creator made us to his image and likeness—we have free will—we are not slaves but willing servants of God. We can resist the grace of God, for our will is free, and God does not force us to accept His help. This is the unhappy lot of millions.

Many have resisted the help of organized religion—and now the help of God.

—F. J. KLASS, Catholic Chaplain

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—James D. Hester  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Happy Birthday!** to John Walker on Ward 63-B. He counted 20 candles on his birthday cake September 13th.

**Stamps:** Perhaps you are a philatelist at heart and have never recognized the fact. As the Frenchman would say, "Comprenez?" In other words, are you interested in the collection of rare and unusual stamps? The Stamp Club meets topside at Red Cross every Wednesday at 1400. One of our members has created a self-made loose leaf book beginning a new collection. He is Frank R. Griffin, EN3, of Ward 62-A, who is collecting stamps, one from each and every country. Underneath each stamp will be a thumbnail description including the location of the country, government, capital, area, and the population. The Club is interested in new members; so come along. You too can be a philatelist!

**Golf:** Now that baseball is nearing the end of the season and the newspaper headlines are in heavy print with the winning score of the day's game, we at Oak Knoll could make up a headline **Hitting in the 90's . . .** Donald A. Neale, SK1, of Ward 48-B has been one of the patients playing golf on Tuesdays at the Alameda Golf Course. He usually returns with a shade more tan than he had in the morning. Most of the golfers comment about the water hazards that abound on the course, particularly the one near the 11th hole. It seems to constantly harass the "old salts" while playing in (?) and around it. If you are interested, sign up on Monday. The bus leaves at 0930 every Tuesday morning.

## Switch of Reserves Creates Big Dilemma

**Fort Worth, Tex. (AFPS)—** Obie D. Boyd is a fellow much in demand these days.

It's this way; Boyd has been ordered to duty as a marine sergeant. He's also been called by the Navy to report as a mailman third class. The Marine Corps orders directed him to report Sept. 6. Orders from 8th Naval District headquarters at New Orleans told him to report there Aug. 31.

The mix-up came about when he "resigned" from the Naval Reserve last year to go into the Marine Reserve with some friends. Marine recruiters assured Boyd they would wangle him a Navy discharge if he'd sign up. He did—but apparently they didn't keep their end of the bargain.

Whatever happens, Boyd isn't worried. Says he, "They got me coming and going."

## Navy Announces Housing Shortage in Bay Area

(AFPS)—The Navy has advised its personnel that housing conditions in Norfolk, Va., and San Francisco, Calif., are critical and dependents should not be transported into these areas before housing arrangements are made. The critical conditions existing in these areas are caused by military expansion, migration of defense workers and other circumstances connected with the present international situation.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

10 September

DE VILBISS, Jeffrey Wayne, to wife Floyd De Vilbiss, YN1, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
SMITH, Baby Boy, to wife of James Smith, PFC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
SPICER, Gerald Wayne, to wife of James Spicer, HN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
DEES, John Richard, to wife of Richard Dees, PFC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
BAUGUESS, Thomas Michael, to wife William Bauguess, Ch. Machi, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
DIONIZIO, Thomas Eugene, to wife Alvin Dionizio, AK3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.  
NEWCOMB, Stanton Allen, III, to wife of Stanton Newcomb, SN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

11 September

REITZ, Margaret Mary, to wife of Harry Reitz, CDR, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.  
SMITH, Jerald Anne, to wife of Richard Smith, LT, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
ROSS, William John, to wife of William Ross, LTJG, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

12 September

BOLL, James Edward, to wife of Howard Boll, MM2, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.  
DUNCAN, Reginald Owen, to wife Reginald W. Duncan, PN1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.  
CHAMBERS, Linda Lee, to wife George Chambers, Capt., Air Force, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.  
McPIKE, Carolyn Sue, to wife of Harold McPike, LTJG, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
PRESLEY, Michael Harry, to wife Harry Presley, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
DAWSON, William E., III, to wife William Dawson, HM2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
RANDOLPH, Steven Scott, to wife Albert Randolph, AD3, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

13 September

QUILLEN, Jeffrey Stark, to wife of Vincent Quillen, LT, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
GREGORY, Kenneth John, to wife Wilburn Gregory, FN, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.  
BEHOUNEK, Mary Katherine, to wife of Frank Behounek, LTJG, Retired, 14 ounces.  
PARMLEY, David Lee, to wife of E. Parmley, AL2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
STROUD, Bruce Edmund, to wife Coleridge B. Stroud, SD1, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.  
BOWLING, Randolph Ted, to wife Billy Bowling, CT2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.  
SIMS, David William, to wife of Richard Sims, SN, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.  
CLARKE, Michael Andrew, to wife of Frank Clarke, LTJG, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.  
DEW, James Kirk, to wife of Margaret Dew, GM2, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

14 September

MADEO, Margaretta Elizabeth, to wife of Joseph Madeo, BMC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.  
HUNTLEY, Craig Herbert, to wife Harold Huntley, PNC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
MURPHY, Linda Sue, to wife of Robert Murphy, BM2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
DODD, Robin Baldwin, to wife of George Dodd, TE1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
McKAY, Pamela Marion, to wife Charles McKay, AD3, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.  
ZIRKLE, James Harold, to wife of James Zirkle, SN, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

15 September

WILCENSKI, Mitchell Patrick, to wife of Peter Wilcenski, AMC, 8 pounds.  
GRANCKO, Carol Jean, to wife of James Grancko, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
NEW, Robert Milton, to wife of Milton New, Cpl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
DANFORTH, Janis Mary, to wife Donald Danforth, AMC, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.  
FULLER, Michael Paul, to wife of E. Fuller, ET1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

16 September

HORN, William Ellery, to wife of William Horn, T/Sgt, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
GIANNI, Michael Angelo, to wife of Angelo Gianni, Pfc, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.  
SCHOLL, Steven Conrad, to wife of Karl Scholl, AT3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
GONYO, Ruth Lee, to wife of Albert Gonyo, BMC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.  
DREYER, Christine Helen, to wife of August Dreyer, AD1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

## Free Tickets To Wagner's "Parsifal"

Three patients from Oak Knoll may receive free box seat tickets to Wagner's opera, "Parsifal," which is being presented Sunday, 29 October. These tickets were purchased by the San Francisco Opera Guild for a contribution to members of the armed forces, and those interested should contact the Welfare and Recreation Office immediately.



# Special Ceremonies Honor Heroes of Army, Navy, Marine Corps

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Martial music was played by the Twelfth Naval District Band, and newspapermen and newsreel photographers were on hand to get the story for readers and movie-goers in the Bay Area and the nation.

Among the wounded were five who already wore the Purple Heart for wounds received in World War II. These men, each of whom received a gold star in lieu of a second purple heart, are SGT John J. O'Donnell, USMC, Palo Alto, California; SGT Guy M. Harper, USMC, Florence, Mississippi; SGT Robert Walton, USMC, Los Angeles, California; CPL Harry H. Beeson, USMC, Redding, California; and SGT Hurklen H. Fallow, San Francisco, California.

One Navy man, Hospitalman Third Class Alfred Leroy Green of Denver, Colo., was among those honored with a Purple Heart.

## 91 Marines Decorated

Ninety-one Marines were among the wounded. They are PFC Raymond K. Allen, USMC, Vallejo, Calif.; SGT Kenneth Collier, Brookfield, Mo.; PFC Charles C. Smith, Council Bluffs, Iowa; PFC David D. Bristol, Los Angeles, Calif.; 2nd LT Edward C. Hall, Liberty, Texas; PFC Kenneth R. Hearon, Mesquite, Texas; PFC Charles L. Livingston, Duluth, Minn.; PFC William D. Stewart, Huntsville, Ala.; CPL Charles F. Turner, Sacramento, Calif.; PFC Charles R. Fish, Guion, Texas; SGT Clarence H. Forsythe, Halls, Tenn.; M/SGT Lloyd E. Price, Pendleton, Calif.; 2nd LT Patrick G. Sivert, Lynchburg, Va.; PFC Richard H. Paulson, New Britain, Conn.; and CPL Alex Diaz, Pocatello, Ohio.

PFC Edward V. Gamboa, Messilla, New Mexico; CPL Eugene V. Farnam, Rosedale, N. Y.; PFC Robert G. Kong, Santa Fe, N. M.; CPL Harvey N. Tate, George West, Texas; PFC Robert E. Turley, Kansas City, Mo.; CPL Donald D. Sowl, El Monte, Calif.; PFC Herbert R. Luster, Little Rock, Ark.; CAPT John L. Tobin, Huntington, W. Va.; PFC Maurice E. Decker, Windham, N. Y.; 2nd LT Edward T. Emmelman, Indianapolis, Ind.; PFC James R. Ratliff, Smackover, Ark.; 2nd LT Michael J. Shinka, West Winfield, Pa.; CPL Robert S. Wyman, Janesville, Wis.; CPL Edward J. Heimer, St. Paul, Minn.; PFC Delbert R. Bell, Twin Falls, Idaho; PFC Johnnie G. Boutwell, Woodson, Texas; CPL Donald D. Hastings, Miami, Fla.; CPL Carl R. Funk, Vincennes, Ind.; PFC James P. Cogley, Denham Springs, La.; PFC William C. Lehrter, Reading, Ohio; PFC Lowie R. Firley, Syracuse, N. Y.; PFC Donald R. Presley, Wilmington, Calif.; PFC Elmer H. Holthus, Ludell, Kansas; PFC Henry Cenicerros, Los Angeles, Calif.; PFC Frank Merkle, Norman, Oklahoma.

CPL David L. Martinez, Madera, Calif.; SGT Johnny Cota, Cajon, Calif.; CPL Robert P. Burns, Milwaukee, Wis.; PFC Robert M. McGaggan, Shakopee, Minn.; PFC Gene A. Shofe, Alameda, Calif.; CPL Leonard T. Walsh, Chicago, Ill.; SGT Richard A. Reese, Lewiston, Pa.; PVT William D. Pennington, Nashville, Tenn.; SGT William E. Stevens, Paris, Kentucky; T/SGT Sidney S. Dickerson, Charleston, W. Va.; CPL James L. Howard, Whitesville,



Kansas; PFC William R. Doffeld, Wichita, Kan.; PFC James E. Lyon, San Francisco, Calif.; PFC Melvin Brestar, Wapato, Wash.; PFC Edward J. McQuaid, Long Island, N. Y.; SGT Elmo Cuthbert Nance, Corpus Christi, Texas; PFC Jerome C. Tricolo, Syracuse, N. Y.; CPL Roger Williams, Cleveland, Ohio; CPL Dale W. Ellis, Toledo, Ohio; CPL Robert W. Sanders, Mack, Colorado; and PFC Richard W. Tryon, West Field, New Jersey.

PFC Albert A. Collins, Cadyville, N. Y.; 1st LT Robert Sebilian, Hopkinton, Mass.; PFC Calvin J. Hardiman, Oceanside, California; PFC Harry W. Underwood, Kansas City, Mo.; PFC Albert E. Pacheco, Fresno, Calif.; PFC Vandal J. Mayberry, Paducah, Texas; S/SGT Edwin Madejczyk, Hammond, Ind.; PFC Frederick S. Brink, Fall City, Neb.; PFC Herrell E. Brown, Oklahoma City, Okla.; PFC Carl J. Hokel, Slater, Iowa; SGT William J. Lang, Reno, Nevada; PFC Harold L. Riordan, Rochester, N. Y.; CPL James C. Hitz, Atlanta, Ga.; PFC George D. Reed, Buffalo, Mo.; PFC William P. Boyd, Summit, Mo.; PFC Alfred M. Coutu, Spring Grove, Ill.; PFC Burt G. Wyrick, Dyersburg, Tenn.; PFC Dominick R. Canissario, Newburg, N. Y.; PFC Robert L. Shadle, Los Angeles, Calif.; SGT Edward F. Barrett, Rutland, Vt.; PFC Francis McGrath, Paterson, New Jersey; PFC Eugene G. Goldacker, St. Louis, Mo.; PFC Jay W. Cashion, Fort Worth, Texas; CPL William F. Mundt, Manilla, Iowa; CPL Jerry A. Schultz, Erie, Kansas.

## Twenty-six Army

Twenty-six army casualties receiving treatment here were among those decorated. In the group were PFC William F. Gogerty, Seattle, Wash.; PFC Calvin Spencer, Seemore, Tex.; PFC Wallace T. Wilson, Dunsmuir, Calif.; PFC Charles L. Lever, Sun Valley, Idaho; CPL Paul Deherrera, Salinas, Calif.; PFC Donald R. Douglas, Salem, Oregon; PFC Lawrence O. Griffith, Hollywood, Calif.; CPL Donald J. Edgar, Salem, Ore.; PFC

Hargette A. Ellis, Richmond, Calif.; PFC Louis McShan, Richmond, Calif.; PFC Duane K. Ripley, Del Paso Heights, Calif.; PVT Albert M. Dimple, Saginaw, Mich.; CPL Donald E. Hartman, Exeter, Calif.; CPL Hansel E. Smith, Vallejo, Calif.; PFC Richard G. Adams, Quezon City, P. I.; PFC Louis Raquino, Rizal City, P. I.; PFC Robert D. Akers, Winfield, Tenn.; PFC Charles H. Perkins, Oakland, Calif.; CPL Charles H. Johnson, Meridian, Texas; PFC John F. Ornelas, San Diego, Calif.; 1st LT Charles F. Mills, Parkland, Wash.; Major Freeland A. Daubin, Prescott, Ariz.; CPL Vernon Foster, Berkeley, Calif.; PFC Ralph C. Campbell, Cashmere, Wash.; PVT William R. Capretto, San Pedro, Calif.

## Eight Nurses Pass Swimming Tests

Eight nurses have completed the first swimming class offered here, all qualifying for either second or third class swimmers. LTJG M. F. Dalton passed for second class, and LT's M. L. Herring, M. G. Comfort, M. B. Haire, LTJG's G. E. Darney, P. Bab-yak, F. J. Wilhelm, and ENS H. A. Kenyon qualified for third class.

Although this is the first class of its kind at Oak Knoll, Coach Reginaldo has announced that it will not be the last if interest is great enough. For those who can't swim or would like to improve their style, it will take just one week of fairly rigorous training to be a third class swimmer, the coach says.

## Mrs. Madeline George Injured In Accident

Mrs. Madeline George's job at Oak Knoll is arranging good times for patients and keeping the books for Welfare and Recreation. A week ago she and her husband set out to have a good time for themselves, but half way to Tahoe, their vacation ended abruptly when they had a head-on collision with another car.

Madeline, her hip badly injured, is now in traction in the orthopedic ward in an Auburn hospital. She is getting along nicely, but reports from the hospital indicate it will probably be two or three months before she will be able to return to work. Mr. George was uninjured, but their car was demolished.

## Newcomers Greeted By Two Knoll Families

CDR Harvey E. Reitz has been busy dispensing smiles and cigars during the past week to announce the arrival of his new daughter, Margaret Mary, who arrived here 11 September. The 5 pound 14 ounce miss was greeted on her arrival at home by her brother, Edward Harris, age 3. "The Reitz's have nothing on us," CDR and Mrs. Derrick C. Turnipseed said when they heard the news. "Our boy, John Michael, weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces when he was born on 4 September." Besides, the Turnipseeds have two other boys, William Derrick, 7, and J. Thomas, 4.

## Coming Tuesday!!

LIONEL HAMPTON AND  
HIS FAMOUS ORCHESTRA

1230 in the Amphitheater



# Armed Forces Blood Committee Chairman Inspects Lab Here

## MacArthur Tells Value of Blood In Treatment of Wounded Overseas

That shipments of blood from the Armed Forces Central Blood Processing Laboratory here have reached Korea and are doing a real service is indicated in a letter written to the Red Cross by General MacArthur.

"Today (28 August)" the general wrote, "the first shipment of blood reached Tokyo, having been collected in the United States by the American Red Cross. It is a medical milestone in our care of personnel wounded in Korea. There is no adequate substitute for living red blood cells in the form of preserved whole blood. It must afford donors satisfaction to know that a small amount of blood given painlessly and harmlessly may do a great amount of good. Thus soldiers, sailors and airmen who have shed theirs the hard way, may be served. Surely no greater privilege exists for those who cannot themselves render military service. Already civilians as well as military personnel in Japan have given and will continue to give wholeheartedly. But a greater supply is needed. This is now forthcoming from the United States. Recently United Nations presented its flag to our Medical Service in token of its recognition of our blood bank. Representatives of the United Nations and of missions from those nations in Tokyo joined in solemn ceremony of presentation. In a very real sense we may say that these nations which believe in the ideals of democracy and the cause of human freedom are united by blood ties. So it is that those who might otherwise perish are being saved for their countries and their families. Personnel of all Armed Forces which compose the United Nations Command are fully aware of sources of blood which they receive. In their name I thank the American Red Cross for the part they are playing in collecting this blood, and I thank the American people and others united with them in a common cause for this patriotic and humanitarian gift. We will need a continuing supply of blood until our defensive war in Korea has been won."



Colonel Douglas B. Kendrick, MC, USA, Chairman of the Blood and Blood Derivatives Division of the Armed Services Medical Procurement Agency paid a visit to Oak Knoll Saturday, coming here to inspect the Armed Services Central Blood Processing Laboratory which has been shipping blood to Korea for the past four weeks. The blood is being received from Red Cross Blood Donor Centers all over the country for processing here. In the inspection party were, left to right, Thomas Russ, Manager of Oakland Chapter, American Red Cross; Dr. Max Chapman, Pacific Area Director for the Red Cross Blood Program; Dr. Sam T. Gibson, Assistant Director, American National Red Cross Blood Program; Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer; Colonel Kendrick; Major Paul Bogikes, MSC, USA, member of the Blood and Blood Derivatives Division; and LCDR Mary T. Sprout, MSC, USN, who directs the work of the Blood Processing Laboratory here.

Colonel Kendrick also visited Fairfield-Suisun Air Base, where permanent quarters for the Overseas Blood Processing Laboratory are being established.

## WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Seventeen persons were received aboard and eighteen were detached during the week of 13 to 20 September. Those being detached were LTJG D. C. Beer, to Astoria, Oregon; LT Alice L. Horner, to USS CONSO-LATION; LTJG Louis E. Beckham, to Yokosuka, Japan; LT Yvonne Dargitz, LT Anna L. Erickson, and LT Evelyn M. Hatteberg, to USS HAVEN; LT Frances K. Ball and LTJG's Dorothy A. Adam, Leonore F. Am-long, Lena R. Anastasia, Charlotte A. Armstrong, Geneva Barker, Shirley Z. Borchardt, Marie F. Dalton, Frances O. Roberts, Catherine L. Werner, and Adelaide J. Wilkinson, to Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; and S. C. Gerry, HM1, to DEPCOM, MSTs Pac. San Francisco.

Received aboard were LCDR B. F. McCampbell from Cleveland Clinic; LTJG C. P. Johnson, from NAS, San Francisco; LT Eleanor A. Bliss from civilian life; LTJG D. L. Stephens, from civilian life; LTJG Kathryn I. Anderson, Catherine Wendling, and Eleanor M. Balthus from civilian life; P. R. Pierpont, DTC, L. Rowlett, HM1, W. Phillips and V. J. Lagasse, HM2's, B. E. McQuirun, and R. P. Nelson, HM3's from Receiving Station, San Francisco; A. W. Blood, HM1, and V. J. Lagasse, HM2, from Receiving Station, Boston, Mass.; W. H. Johnson and Walker, HM1's, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; and R. L. Court-HN, from Stockton Annex, Stockton, Calif.

## PREVIEWS



Sunday, 24 September

**THE BREAKING POINT**—John Garfield, Patricia Neal. Garfield plays the part of a veteran trying to eke a living by renting out his power cruiser to tourists and shipping parties. Increasing debts cause him to become involved with crooks. He begins to take illegal cargoes, which leads to more trouble. Through all this Miss Neal tries to win his love but gives up when she realizes she can not replace his wife and children. Rated very good.

Monday, 25 September

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME**—Esther Williams, Gene Kelly. No information is available but with these two playing the lead nothing more need be said.

Tuesday, 26 September

**WYOMING MAIL**—Steve McNally. Alexis Smith, McNally, an officer in the Civil War, is called in to stop the mail train robberies in Wyoming. On the job he falls in love with Miss Smith, an entertainer, and has himself imprisoned to gain information. He learns the warden and a guard are gang leaders and later finds the entertainer is a member of the gang. Eventually, he ends a robbery, killing the culprits, and saves the life of Alexis, who is beaten for betraying the gang. Rated as a very good western.

Wednesday, 27 September

**JOLSON SINGS AGAIN**—Al Jolson, Larry Parks. With Al Jolson singing, this picture needs no more said. Parks is also excellent in his imitation. It has a Herald Review rating of very good.

Thursday, 28 September

**THE NEXT VOICE YOU HEAR**—James Whitmore, Nancy Davis. A new release with a rating of very good by all reviewers.

Friday, 29 September

**LET'S DANCE**—Fred Astaire, Betty Hutton. A new color release starring two top actors. Given a good rating by Herald Review.

Saturday, 30 September

**RED SHOES**—Anton Walbrook, Marius Goring. A British color film which received a tremendous ovation by all reviewers.

The Welfare and Recreation office has announced they have tickets for 35 patients to attend the 49er vs. Los Angeles Rams football game 1 October. The 49ers have had their ups and downs this year but they have a hard-fighting group of players. This should be an exceptionally good game because of a natural rivalry between two teams of the same state.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Welfare and Recreation office prior to 1200 on Wednesday the week before the game.

## Work On New Navy Hospital Near End

St. Albans, L. I. (AFPS)—All construction work on the \$14 million Naval Hospital here is expected to be completed by January, 1951, three months ahead of schedule.

The new hospital will include a six-story administration building, six three-story ward buildings, and a two-story subsistence building. It will be completely modern.

Special conduits are being installed for television and a bedside radio system. The operating suites will be air-conditioned with humidifiers to control the relative humidity at 55 to 60 per cent. Every modern safety device will be incorporated in the hospital.

Original plans for the new project were made before World War II, but war necessitated the quickly erected temporary hospital that is now in use. The new medical institution will be the only naval hospital in New York.

Lady Visitor: "Do you sailors wash your own clothes on shipboard?"

Sailor: "No, lady. We just throw them overboard and they're washed ashore."

## 15 Won Too Much! Let's Cut It!

(By Armed Forces Press Service)  
Who's gripin'?

North Korean soldiers—that's who.

What about? Well, what DO soldiers gripe about — chow and pay mostly. In this case it's pay.

From an advanced command post in Korea two Communist Korean soldiers captured by South Korean troops related that their biggest gripe is pay. Their pay—15 won—once a month, amounts to almost a penny.



# Who's Who . . .

If you would like to meet Guy Chambless, Jr., HMI, a good way is to go zooming around the station in an automobile or to park in the wrong place. Guy would have made a good policeman, as he works in security here at Oak Knoll, but was a licensed embalmer instead.

Chambless, who was born in Dawson, Georgia, is one of the newer arrivals here, having been called to active duty as a member of the Naval Reserve. He formerly enlisted in the Navy in Macon, Georgia, 29 August, 1941, and was called back in August of this year, arriving at Oak Knoll 23 August. Home is still Dawson, Georgia, where his wife, Claire, and two children, little Guy, and Marilyn, are living.

Chambless gave his hobby as "keeping a picture record" of everywhere he goes. The hobby that he pursues most at present however, is going on liberty.

One of the busiest men on the station is Bob Calkins, HMI, who works in the record office. Bob is one of the reservists recently called back on active duty.

This is Calkin's second tour on active duty since he had service during the last war as a regular Navy man, enlisting in September, 1941 three months before the Pearl Harbor incident.

As a civilian, Bob lived in Wymore, Nebraska. At the time he was returned to active duty he was attending Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he needs only one more semester to graduate.

As hobbies, he likes dancing, books, and watching competitive sports. Most of his liberty time at the present is spent playing golf or bowling.

If you become a patient at Oak Knoll, chances are you will be admitted as such by Henry Walker, HMI, who works in the Receiving Office. So, if you want a private room make your reservations with him ahead of time.

Walker is not new to the bay area having lived in San Francisco for some time. He was working there as a property and supply clerk when called back on active duty with the Naval Reserve. His present home address is 1617 Kirkham, San Francisco. He was called back on active duty 25 August this year and arrived at Oak Knoll 14 September from the Receiving Station, Treasure Island.

Henry enjoys attending baseball and football games, and likes to partake in several other sports himself, golf being his main interest.

## Looking Around Oak Knoll

By ANYONE

Hello, people. Have you heard the latest concerning B. A. Branson, of E.C.G., and the two galley "technician" corpsmen? Although it happened sometime ago I feel it is worth repetition. It seems that two of our galley corpsmen were spreading it on thick at the Mocombo Club. They were doctors at Oak Knoll and of course very good ones. While the two young things with them sat with open mouths, in walked Branson and in a loud and boisterous voice shouted, "Hey, why didn't you guys square the galley away?" They were cute, too.

Every guy likes to date an older woman once in awhile, as it inflates the ego and makes him feel more grown up. But eighty-five is just a little too mature Mr. "C."

Could that have been Mr. "F" I spied a few days ago wearing the crow and hash mark? Be patient buddy, as you're not going any place.

Nothing too good for our boys department. To make sure we were snugly in bed and safe from the goblins, a surprise muster was held at 2200, just for us, last Saturday night. Ah yes, they are so good to us.

Point of view department: Get some shoes, get some whites, some hats, etc. These are the familiar words that rang through HCQ during the last inspection (personal and locker).

## Chuckles

Driver—The way some pedestrians walk you'd think they owned the streets.

Pedestrian — Yeah, and the way some motorists drive you'd think they owned their cars.

GI—I've been misbehaving and my conscience is troubling me.

Psychiatrist—I see, and since I'm a psychiatrist you want something to strengthen your will power?

GI—No, something to weaken my conscience.

Marine—I saw some guy trying to kiss your girl in the park last night.

Sailor—Did he succeed.

Marine—No.

Sailor—Then it wasn't my girl you saw.

Chief Clerk—You understand we need a responsible person here?

WAC File Clerk—I'm very responsible. On my last post, whenever there was something called a discrepancy they always said I was responsible.

Private—Is this fish fresh?

Mess Sgt. — Fresh! Why it just breathed its last when you came in the door.

Private—Boy, what a breath it had!

Sign stuck on squadron bulletin board by character who just had three day pass turned down—"In case of fire just call the first sergeant—he'll throw a wet blanket on it."

1st GI—That gal is sure a snob.

2nd GI—Yeah her nose is turned up so high she nearly drowned.

1st GI—How?

2nd GI—It rained into it.

# 4 Knoll Firemen Receive Awards



Certificates for satisfactory completion of a Radiological Safety Course conducted at the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, were recently presented by the Commanding Officer to four members of the Oak Knoll Fire Department. The course was planned so that personnel of naval activities in the Bay Area would be fully equipped to detect and measure radio activity in the event of an atomic bombing and to instruct others in personal safety in such an event. All equipment for detecting radioactivity is now available here, according to Fire Chief J. O. Rasor, who was present when Captain Cook presented the certificates to the men who have learned how to use it. They are, left to right, C. W. DeJournette, Firefighter; A. W. Viada, Inspector; B. E. Nelson, Captain; and Emory Pettigrew, Assistant Chief.

A grade of 70 or better, on a basis of 60 per cent for the final examination and 40 per cent for laboratory work, was required for qualification. Members of the class from Oak Knoll averaged 94.5, and Mr. DeJournette finished at the head of the class with a grade of 100.



Among the new fiction and non fiction the Crew's Library has to offer are the following titles:

**The Turquoise Trail** by Shirley Seifert, a novel based on the diary of Susan Shelby Magoffin, who made the overland journey from Missouri to Mexico, at the time of the Mexican War.

**Too Little Love** by Robert Henriques, a long panoramic story of England, reminiscent of the works of Galsworthy. Beginning in the twenties when imperial riches were fading and great estates had to be sold, and ending in 1948 with a picture of current day English life. **Too Little Love** reflects the changes and events of two decades.

**Footsteps on the Stair** by Myron Brinig. Silver Peak, Montana, and its two dominating families, the Jewish Benjamins and the Irish-Catholic Joyces, make up the setting and characters of this new novel. The sombre Benjamins and noisy Joyces, joined but not united by marriage, wrangle, scheme, pray and lust through a half

century of the small copper mining town's history.

On the non-fiction shelves we have **Report On Israel** by the author, Irwin Shaw, and the noted photographer, Robert Capa. The two arrived separately in Israel, met there and proceeded to travel through the country together, each on his own assignment. When they finished collecting data and making observations on the sacred land, their work was merged and this book created.

**The Reasonable Life** by Clifford Gessler is a unique "self help" or "peace of mind" book based on the life of the people of the South East Pacific—no hurry or strain, no striving for success, kind and tolerant people at peace with themselves and one another. The author realizes we cannot copy their mode of living, but says we can learn a great deal from their healthy habits of work, relaxation and sleep, and the importance they attach to handicraft.

**The Complete Book of Home Pet Care** by Dr. Leon F. Whitney and-kind of pet, whether you own a cat, swears questions on the care of every canary, tropical fish or a Great Dane.

Joe—My sister picks up things fast.

Moe—She must be brilliant.

Joe—No. She's a shoplifter.



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## Welfare and AdMen Each Take Win

Welfare and Administration continued on their winning way by easily disposing of their opponents in games last week. The Welfare men stopped the Independents by the score of 32-18 while the AdMen overwhelmed Dental 48-28.

Welfare bounced back into the column, after losing their first game of the season a few nights before, with "Johnny" Johnson leading the way, snaring 18 points for scoring honors. In the meantime, his teammates succeeded in bottling up D. B. "Mickey" Sumerlin and held him to one free throw.

Although playing a good game, the Indeps could not keep a defense on Johnson and he continually broke away from his guard for a fast lay-up. Playing with a complete first-string lineup for the first time in two weeks, the men of Coach Reginato were showing the reason they are in first place.

The first casualty in current league play came about when with just three minutes to go in the game, McAdaragh of the Indeps ran into one of the goal supports fracturing his jaw and severely lacerating his lip. McAdaragh had been the sparkplug for his team and led them in scoring with 12 points. Reported doing fine now, he will be out of the lineup for the rest of the season.

In the meantime, the AdMen were completely outplaying the Dillies in a game that was never close, even from the beginning.

With a fast break and a sharp passing attack the AdMen had the game to themselves although experiencing some difficulty finding a defense for W. G. Samuel of Dental, who collected twelve points to lead his team.

Leading the attack for the AdMen was B. B. Hook with fourteen points, closely followed by F. B. Aungst, who tied Samuel for second place scoring honors, with twelve.

This game gave the AdMen a tighter grip on second place in league standings although they could still lose out to third place Nights who are just one-half game back.

# WELFARE CINCHES BASKETBALL TITLE



## Touch Football Begins Next Week

### Six Teams Are Entered In Tourney

The intra-hospital six-man touch football league will commence officially on 26 September, Coach Reginato, Director of Athletics, announced this week. Six teams have now signed up and the schedule has been made.

Twelfth naval district rules will govern all games and a complete list of these rules will be published in the near future. Briefly, the rules will be as follows:

1. Six men on a team, any number in the backfield or line. All are eligible to receive passes.

2. Fumbled ball is dead at the spot where it hits the ground and the offensive team retains the ball except on the fourth down when the ball will be given to the defensive team unless a first down has been completed.

3. Each player must have a towel tucked under his belt hanging out a minimum of 16 inches. It shall be tucked in the back. The defensive player must raise the towel over his head when pulled from offensive player. Jerking a towel illegally from an offensive player in order to "kill" the ball will be penalized by removal from the game.

4. Four downs will be allowed for each twenty yard section.

5. Conversions will be made by pass or run.

Games will be started by not later than 1700 and the team failing to show up by that time will lose by a forfeit. Playing time will be two (2) twenty (20) minute halves.

Twelve awards will be presented to the team winning the most games by the end of league play.

## Unknowns Win One, Lose One

The unknowns played at a .500 mark last week as they won from Dental by the score of 28-25 and then lost to Night Crew 26-24.

Against Dental, the Unknowns reversed their previous performance, which they lost 37-16, and played a tight game of ball. The game was close from the beginning, and neither team had over three points advantage at any time. Cartwright was the individual star of the game with sixteen points, followed by teammate Van Diver with nine. Between the two of them they equaled the total points of Dental and scored all but three of their own team's points. High point man for Dental was Long, with eight points.

Against Night Crew, the Unknowns could not quite muster the scoring punch necessary to win out. Night Crew kept the lead almost from the beginning but could never get a big lead. It was the sharpshooting of little Owens, who collected 11 points, that told the difference. Taking his shots from wherever he could get an opening, he poured them through. Cartwright and Van Diver tied with eight points to lead the Unknowns.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	GB
Welfare . . . .	9	1	.900	308	177	—
Nights . . . .	5	2	.714	228	218	2½
Administration . . . .	6	3	.667	371	266	2½
Unknowns . . . .	2	5	.286	128	236	5½
Dental . . . .	1	6	.143	174	269	6½
Independents . . . .	0	6	.000	107	150	7

### SCORING LEADERS

	GP	FG	FT	TP
Aungst, Administration . . . .	8	62	2	126
Johnson, Welfare . . . .	9	39	0	78
Owens, Nights . . . .	7	29	6	64
Stevenson, Adm. . . .	8	31	0	62
Youngs, Nights . . . .	7	29	2	60

## Defeat AdMen In Close Game

In one of the hardest fought games of the season, Welfare and Recreation defeated the AdMen by the score of 22-20 last Wednesday evening.

A close game throughout, neither team could muster much of a scoring punch. For example, the score at the end of one quarter of play was 2-1 in favor of Welfare, while the half-time score was 8-7 with Welfare still ahead.

Since this game was the final one between the two teams, and with Administration trying to work into first place, each team was trying to hard. A great deal of confusion resulted as many shots were wild and most of the shots made were from some distance from the basket. Pressing defense was employed by both teams thereby eliminating any chance to perfect a fast break in which both teams are noted.

Despite the fact that the AdMen were playing against a much larger team, they performed outstandingly and with the breaks it might have been a different story. Much of the difficulty was that they were playing without the services of their towering center F. B. Aungst, who is the leading scorer in the league. It was necessary to juggle their lineup, placing Hook in the pivot spot where he handled himself in a creditable manner. But height was against the AdMen as many of their shots were blocked by the taller Welfare team.

Scoring honors went to "Pappy" Papadakis who collected seven counters with teammate Johnson and opponent Zilch collecting six each. The scoring was evenly balanced on both teams with each player collecting at least one field goal.

In the last meeting of the two teams, it was a different story as Welfare walked away from the AdMen by the score of 34-18. Neither team was playing their best this time but that sometimes happens in an important game when everyone is trying so hard.



Captain S. S. Cook presented the intra-hospital softball championship trophy to R. Lyons, HMC, captain of the chief's softball team, at a special post-season celebration last Saturday night at the CPO club. Members of the team pictured are, left to right, G. J. Huffman, HMC, CWOHC O. G. Haines, L. L. Linse, HMC, CWOHC L. Amick, Jr., L. T. Edwards, HMC, M/Sgt. H. M. Dyle, and E. W. Rose, C. O. Martin, and L. F. Betoney, HMC. Each member of the team received an individual trophy in recognition of his ability on the diamond.





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Capt. N. J. Cantley, MSC, USA

## Army Liaison Officer On Duty

Those who have read the Plan of the Day the past week will have noted the usage of "Class A Uniform," "On Pass" and "The Post." These strange-sounding names from such far-away places as the Presidio of San Francisco across the bay are all due to the recent assignment here of Captain Norman Joseph Cantley, Medical Service Corps, United States Army, recently of Letterman Army Hospital, here now on 45 days' temporary duty as Army Liaison Officer.

By agreement between the Surgeon General of the Navy and the Surgeon General of the Army, effective 1 September 1950, the Army began the transfer of hundreds of its Korean war casualties and some Zone of the Interior patients, to eleven U. S. Navy hospitals located throughout the country. Transfers are all centrally-controlled by the Medical Regulating Officer in the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army, whose policy is to transfer patients to hospitals near their homes provided that particular medical installation is staffed to handle medical procedures required. Navy hospitals affected in this new unification program are: PORTSMOUTH, N. H.; BETHESDA, MD.; CHARLESTON, S. C.; CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.; JACKSONVILLE, FLA.; PENSACOLA, FLA.; MEMPHIS, TENN.; CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.; OCEANSIDE, CALIF.; MARE ISLAND, CALIF.; and OAKLAND, CALIF. Pending establishment of permanent administrative units at each of these hospitals, a liaison officer from those Army commands designated to act as parent units for Army patients in the various Naval hospitals, has been appointed. He is detailed by the Army Surgeon General to aid the Navy

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## Hot Day But Hampton Knocks 'em Cold

### Famous Jive Band Plays For Patients

One of the world's greatest showmen, Lionel Hampton, and his band played, shuffled, marched, sang, shouted, and paraded their way into the hearts and feet of Oak Knoll patients and staff last Tuesday afternoon.

Hampton, here to play an engagement at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Oakland, is known as the fastest and greatest vibraharpist, and his complete command of that instrument plus the drums is nothing short of miraculous.

Presented by Captain S. S. Cook, the band, clad in blinding red jackets, took off to a flying start and within a few seconds every piece of timber in the outdoor theater was vibrating. The first number featured solos on saxophone, trumpet, and trombone, and next came a tantalizing trombone rendition of "Be-witched" by Al Gray. All band numbers featured "The Hamp" playing it "low and slow" and/or "hot and in the groove."

Vocalist Erma Carney sang "Everybody's Somebody's Fool," and "Mr. Blues" (Sonny Parker) styled an entirely different type of blues for the moaning audience, and then there were the famed "Rockets" — three boys working as one in a symphony of controlled rhythm—lithe and swift in their perfect unison and close order dancing as well as acrobatic tap. "Mr. 5x5," otherwise known as Milton Buckner, drew chuckles and wild laughter as he bounced his way almost all the way around the piano.

"If you like it, I'm willing to play here all night," were Hampton's words as cheers and clapping called him and the band back again and again for encores. "That's one of the best audiences I ever played to," Hampton said backstage after the show. "Sure do wish I could play for them cats all day—they seem to understand what I'm trying to tell 'em." But "The Hamp" could not stay all day. As it was, he was 45 minutes late for his show at the Orpheum.

In November 1944 Hampton and his band, at that time on "The Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands" sponsored by Coca-Cola, was scheduled to open the amphitheater, but rainy weather moved the show into the auditorium. So it was fitting that he should reopen the outdoor theater this week after its long period of disuse.

Every foot-tapping sailor, marine, and soldier in the audience hopes Mr. Hampton and his band will return to Oak Knoll soon and often.



Lionel Hampton, right above, master of vibraharp and drums, played for approximately 1000 patients here Tuesday afternoon. It was the first show held in the Amphitheater since the close of World War II. The photograph below shows Roy Welmaker, left, Pitcher for the San Diego Padres, as he stepped to the stage to present a signed baseball and a picture of his team to Captain Cook. At the Commanding Officer's right is "The Hamp" himself, dripping with perspiration. Unlike the saxophonist who removed his coat during a sizzling number without missing a beat, he kept his coat on.



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## World-Wide Communion

Sunday, 1 October, will be a significant day in our churches. It is World-Wide Communion Sunday. On this day, along with other Christians of our community and around the world, we will be a part of a fellowship without frontiers, assembled at the Lord's Table. It is hoped that you and every other member of the congregation will be present.

The fellowship about the Lord's Table on this day will be world-wide. Christians of all five continents and the islands of the Seven Seas will be present. Just stop and think a minute: Due to the different time zones, there will not be an hour during the entire day, where there will not be a great multitude of Christians in some part of the world seated or kneeling at His Holy Table and partaking of the sacred emblems. You and your church will be a part of this glorious Christian fellowship on this day. We will all be conscious of our spiritual solidarity in Christ.

This sense of world fellowship with all other Christians, will bring encouragement and strength for better Christian living in this critical time through which we are passing. By your presence at the Lord's Table, you will help to bear a united witness to the unity we all have in Christ; to our faith in Him, and our loyalty to His Church. Be present without fail for this memorable occasion. Christ invites you. Your church expects you.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

"There must be a better way." These are the words of an American boy in uniform in Korea after a particularly bitter battle with the enemy for possession of a hill. The dead and dying, and less seriously wounded, were all around him as dazedly he withdrew with his buddies to safety. The cost of settling differences between men is high.

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life—no man cometh to the Father except by me." What Jesus is saying is that He is the **only** way. All the history of man shows that he has been going down other roads trying to find the good life. All have been blind alleys. Are we today on the right road?

We have been maneuvered into a defensive position. Those who would rule us have the passion of a crusade. We expend our strength desperately trying to hold what gains we have made. There are no flying banners for us—only constant General Quarters, trying to guess from what point of the compass the next onslaught will come.

And we could be conquerors! We have our Plan of the Day. Jesus ordered, "Go ye into all the World—preaching the good news." We must out-crusade the crusaders! "We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us," was the conviction of a first century Crusader. There is a better way.

JAMES D. HESTER,  
Protestant Chaplain.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—James D. Hester  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—F. J. Klass, A. T. Wallace.  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Saturday, 0715, 1150.  
Saturday Mass 1150.

**Christian Science:**  
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

## Red Cross Ramblings



**Happy Birthday, Ken!** Yes, Kenneth Barrish RM3, on Ward 50-B, celebrated his 21st birthday recently. His family generously provided a beautiful birthday cake and delicious ice cream for the entire ward.

**Have you visited the new Red Cross Lounge?** It is located in Building 32

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

17 September

TUSA, Anthony Joseph, to wife of Joseph Tusa, T/Sgt, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
SCHNABEL, Girl, to the wife of Denzil Schnabel, CS1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
STEVENSON, Rennaye, to wife of Vanoy Stevenson, SD2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
RENTERIA, Alfred, to wife of Asencion Renteria, AN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.  
CURRY, Robert Edward, to the wife of Thompson Curry, TMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
VILLAMOR, Bruce Morris, to wife of Dominador Villamor, SDC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.  
GOZA, Vicki Lynn, to wife of Leonard Goza, ADC, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.  
GRUBB, Jean Rae, to wife of Clarence Grubb, LCDR, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

18 September

CARLBLOM, Eric Rolf, to wife of Vernon Carlblom, EM1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
JAMES, Mary Louise, to wife of Charles James, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
GATTIS, Theresa Elaine, to wife of Harry Gattis, HM1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
LOVELL, Laura Gene, to wife of Will Lovell, CWOHC, 3 pounds, 3 ounces.

19 September

AXWORTHY, Michele Diane, to wife of Charles Axworthy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
HOGAN, Darrel Eugene, to wife of Homer Hogan, AN, 3 pounds, 3 ounces.  
JOHNSON, Cecelia Lynn, to wife of C. L. Johnson, SD2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
EK, Linda Marie, to wife of John Ek, Mach, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

20 September

CHISUM, Pamela Anne, to wife of Albert Chisum, ET1, 7 pounds.  
KNIGHT, Charles Claybourne, to wife of Claybourne Knight, Pfc, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
PIPPEN, Michael Patrick, to wife of Merrill Pippin, ET3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
HAYDEN, Bobbie Ruth, to wife of Robert Hayden, EM2, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.  
BONIFAY, William Gregory, to wife of Wilburn Bonifay, AD2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
KUBANDA, Phillip Matthew, to wife of Andrew Kubanda, CS2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

21 September

EVANS, Girl, to wife of Lorin Evans, AD1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
BELDEN, Sheila Marie, to wife of Edward Belden, MMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

22 September

GRAYSON, Ralph, to wife of Roosevelt Grayson, Cpl, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.  
OGDEN, David Koss, to wife of Elmer Ogden, TMC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
OLSON, Gregory John, to wife of Floyd Olson, ADC, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.  
MATTOX, Mark Sanders, to wife of Stanly Mattox, ADC, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.  
HOOVER, Donald Edward, II, to wife of Donald Hoover, HM2, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
KELLY, Patricia Lynn, to wife of William Kelly, ADC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

23 September

STILLWELL, Lewis Gene, Jr., to wife of Lewis Stillwell, SA, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
TROTMAN, John Allen, to wife of John Trotman, MM3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
MEADOWS, Susan Ann, to wife of Grover Meadows, HM2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
MILES, Susann, to wife of Warren Miles, LTIG, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.  
HOGAN, Janie Thecla, to wife of William Hogan, SA, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
BELL, Steven Douglas, to wife of Douglas Bell, Sgt, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
WIDENER, Linda Kay, to wife of Gemell Widener, ADC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

and is open each day of the week and week ends, too. A homelike atmosphere prevails—with a radio, easy chairs, ping pong tables, letter-writing facilities, a music room, and very often coffee and cookies are served. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings hostesses come out to the hospital to make your evening of dancing most enjoyable, and on Friday evening folk dancing is the featured activity. On Wednesday nights, Ping Pong Tournaments are proving most popular. Winner for the week of September 20 was Sgt. Leo Wilham of Ward 42-B. If your back-hand drive needs perfecting, do visit the Lounge and participate in Ping Pong as well as all of the other activities.

**Pouring slip, firing, liver of sulphur, and swivel knives** are all well-known expressions around the Red Cross Craft Shop in Building 32. When the fellows talk about pouring slip or firing, ceramics is their hobby, while liver of sulphur is used to antique those most attractive copper pictures which you see on the wards and in the Craft Shop. A swivel knife is used to carve those beautiful leather purses which the patients so proudly display. If you are unable to visit the Craft Shop, speak to any Red Cross worker and she will be glad to see that the proper craft materials are made available to you.

Hats off to the members of the Red Cross Canteen Corps from Berkeley Chapter. They have assisted with the serving of the refreshments at the dances in the lounge on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Also, they provided some of the food and wonderful assistance at the very recent fry held down on the baseball diamond.

Have you noticed that there has been an increased amount of entertainment on wards? This has been obtained through the efforts of the Red Cross Entertainment and Instruction Chairman: Mrs. Harry Eggleston, Berkeley; Mrs. Melvin Wood and Mrs. Walter Hanneberg, Oakland, and Mrs. William G. Wert, Alameda. The efforts of these women helps to provide Sportsmen's Group, the VFW parties and all of the various shows and parties which are presented on the ward.



## Who's Who . . .

If you are in need of a baby sitter, you might call on **Alice Basnett, HM2(W)**, as she lists this as one of her hobbies. However, she also says she does not have too much time to do this, as X-ray is a busy department at the present.



Alice is a comparative new-comer to Oak Knoll, having arrived 28 August this year. She enlisted in the Navy in Chicago in May, 1945, and before coming here was stationed at San Diego. Her present home address is Cedar Lake, Indiana.

Besides baby sitting, Alice likes reading, music, horse-back riding, and dancing. Travel should be one of her interests also as she has visited 42 states. While stationed in Bremerton, Washington, she was chosen queen of the Marine Birthday Ball and it is easy to see why.

**Fred E. Comas, HM2**, who works in Staff Personnel, was born in San German, Puerto Rico, and lived there until coming to the U. S. to attend school. He first came into the Navy in 1943, serving three years, and then came back to active service as a member of the reserve on 16 August this year.



Before coming into the service this time, Fred was working as a translator and investigator. This was his first job after receiving his master's degree from Columbia University. While there he majored in romance languages and literature. He also received letters in several sports.

Comas spends most of his spare time doing creative writing, consisting mostly of short stories. His main hobby is swimming, but he also makes a good partner in a game of canasta.

If you like sports, you will find a buddy in **George Papadakis, HM3**. Most of his spare time here is spent in taking part in the Oak Knoll sports program, where he is now captain of one of the touch football teams.



"Pappy," who works on Ward 53, enlisted in the Navy in February 1948 in Ashland, Wisconsin. He reported aboard this station 27 August from Great Lakes after being called back to active duty. Before coming back into the service he attended college in Lacrosse, Wis., where he was majoring in physical education.

Although not married at this time, Papadakis says he would like to be; so, ladies, take warning.

## Welcome and Farewell

Twenty-two persons reported aboard and fifteen were detached during the week of 20 to 27 September. Departing were LT A. F. Pierce, to USS LENAWE; LTJG Jean L. Graves, to civilian life; ENS Evelyn Bliss, to School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; LT's Eleanor A. Bliss, Mary E. Price, and Frances M. Griffith, LTJG's Eleanor V. Baker, Helen J. Demariano, Irene A. Krizanosky, Faith A. Salden, Monica F. Wersacksa, and Frances J. Willard, to Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; A. E. Hatchkiss, HMC, and C. E. Walter, HM1, to Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, Fairfield, California, and W. W. Kratzer, HN, to Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah.

Those reporting aboard were LT M. W. Geldert and LTJG's W. M. Lewallen and J. V. Morrison, from civilian life; Nurses reporting from civilian life were LT Helen J. Shields, LTJG's Frances R. Allen, Barbara E. Blue, Dorothy E. Veyrauch, Madge J. Atkins, Dorothy M. Johnson, Ellen Booz, Lucy K. Rosenberger, and Anne C. Bork; HM1's S. C. Gerry, G. M. Allen, M. C. Blair, R. L. Copes, H. McCloud, B. J. Dagen, R. A. Gortz, and M. C. McGahan, HM3, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; E. J. Lernandorski, HM3, from Moffett Field, California; and P. Patterson, HM2, from CWSF, San Francisco.

## Columbia U. Nurses Doing Field Work Here

Oak Knoll is the temporary home of two nurses who are doing field work for degrees in Administration of Nursing Service. They are LT's Anna Danyo, NC, USN, and Mary Welter, NC, USN. Both have been attending Columbia University and were assigned to this hospital for temporary duty while completing this phase of their training.

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**

## PROMOTED



**Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, administers the Oath of Office to ENS Mary Deignan, NC, USN, as she was promoted to LTJG 21 September. Miss Deignan was a member of the staff on the hospital ship Benevolence and reported to this hospital after the ship was sunk.**

**Also recently promoted are Myrtle M. Teisseire to LCDR, and Bella M. Fritz, Patricia Ann Horn, and Ruth Martin to LTJG.**

## Liaison Officer Here

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Medical Department with all administrative problems pertaining to the welfare of soldier patients under its care. Letterman Army Hospital has been designated by the SGO to be the parent unit for all Army patients at Oak Knoll.

Captain Cantley, a native Californian, was born in Los Angeles an unrevealed number of years ago. His hobbies are photography and landscaping and furnishing his new home in Millbrae.

Asked his impression of the Navy, the captain told our reporter, "I am very happy to be aboard," and then he added, "I just wish my soldiers would quit loaning their bathrobes to your sailors—I brought these Army maroon-colored bathrobes over here to make it a simple matter to tell a soldier from a sailor!"

**Social Worker:** Will you donate something to the Old Ladies' Home?

**Chief:** Sure. Take my mother-in-law.

## Community Chest Drive To Open

The Community Chest Fund Raising Campaign will be conducted at this Hospital from 10 October to 11 November, the Commanding Officer announced this week. A committee has been appointed to solicit funds, and each person connected with the Hospital will be asked to contribute according to his means.

No one should resent being asked to give, for everyone is being asked—everyone because it is a community project benefiting everyone who lives in this area. The widespread reaction to fund raising campaigns, "There are too many of them," shouldn't be applied here, for the Community Chest is designed to eliminate a parade of drives on the part of the 36 organizations which benefit from the fund. The goal this year is over one million dollars or over two dollars per person. The important thing is not to measure our gift by the average but to give what we can because out of Christian Charity we want to support those community organizations—Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish—whose purpose is to promote the welfare of the needy, and to give graciously in the knowledge that we are giving to make others happier and healthier.

For the convenience of contributors the following table is suggested as a minimum "fair share" scale of giving:

If you earn \$1,000, give \$1.50; if you earn \$2,000, give \$3.00; if you earn \$2,500, give \$5.00; if you earn \$3,000, give \$7.50; if you earn \$3,500, give \$10.50; if you earn \$4,000, give \$15.00; if you earn \$5,000, give \$25.00; if you earn \$6,000, give \$40.00.

If this scale of giving is generally followed the Red Feather services will be supported adequately in 1951.

## Three New Members On Red Cross Staff

Three new Red Cross workers recently added to the staff are Miss Eleanor Kovec, social worker, and Miss Darthymarie Faulkner and Miss Ruth Lubbe, recreation workers.

The Red Cross office also announces that Miss Anne Carter, staff social worker, recently left Oak Knoll to be Red Cross Assistant Field Director at the Fairfield-Suisun hospital.

## Navy Hospital Corpsmen Cited For Work In Korea

The splendid service being given Marines by Navy medical personnel in Korea was cited by General Clifton B. Cates, Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, in a congratulatory message on the occasion of the 108th anniversary of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, which was observed on August 31.

In his message to Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, General Cates said:

"It is especially fitting to congratulate you and your organization on the splendid service being rendered to Marines everywhere, and particularly to those now engaged in combat in Korea."

A total of 17 Navy medical personnel, mostly hospitalmen and hospital corpsmen serving with combat Marines, have been killed or wounded

or are listed as missing in action in Korea. Other Navy casualties to date total 10, including seven Naval aviation personnel either killed or missing.

The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, which has served as the guiding agency for the Navy and Marine Corps in matters of health and disease through four major wars, was established on August 31, 1842. Its fundamental mission was reduced to a single phrase in World War II: "To keep as many men at as many guns as many days as possible." Its statistics show that 97.8 per cent of Navy and Marine Corps battle casualties survived World War II.

Navy medical personnel, of whom the vast majority are hospital corpsmen, were frequently cited in World Wars I and II for outstanding valor and distinguished service. The coun-

try's highest award, the Medal of Honor, has been given to 13 hospital corpsmen. The Navy Hospital Corps received a blanket commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for its World War II service, the first time in the history of the Navy that a single corps had received such recognition.

In World War I, Navy medical personnel including hospital corpsmen who served with the Marines in France were awarded the French Fourragere. They are the only naval personnel in any nation privileged to wear this French Army decoration.

Navy hospitalmen and hospital corpsmen who are trained to give first aid to battle casualties and assist in surgical operations, accompany the Marines wherever they land.





## Welfare Takes Football Win

The 1950 touch football season got away to a flying start last Tuesday evening as the Welfare team defeated Dental by the overwhelming score of 52-0.

Welfare, not content to stop with being basketball champions, came back from a slow start to completely dominate the field. At the beginning of the game both teams showed plenty of fire, and it appeared as if the game was going to be very close. After about twelve minutes of play, however, the Welfare six took control and were never stopped.

Although this was the first game of the season, Welfare showed a very classy offense. Carrying out their assignments to perfection, each man scored at least once.

The work of Coach Joe Reginato was particularly outstanding as he completed five out of six passes during the game. Out of these five, one went for a touchdown, one for a conversion, and three went for gains of around thirty yards each. He had plenty of help as his boys snagged his passes and proved they were able to handle themselves on the field. "Johnny" Johnson and S. F. Tamborski each had two touchdowns to their credit, with Tamborski also scoring on two conversion plays. Welfare managed to successfully complete four out of eight conversions—a good record considering all conversions must be made either by passing or running.

Since this was the first game of the league, it is still impossible to pick a favorite for the championship although the men of Welfare have proved themselves to be a hard team to beat. But there are several other strong teams in the tournament, and any one of them could well turn the trick. There is still an opening for one more team to enter the league as Night Crew has disbanded and are playing as the Commandos, thereby eliminating two teams from the same group. Anyone interested in starting a team should do so immediately by contacting Coach Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation office. It is not too late, and one more team is needed to give each team a chance to play once a week. There are five teams at the present.

The games are played in 20-minute running halves, with a five-minute rest period between halves. Game time is 1700 and teams must be there by that time or forfeit the game.

### FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	GB
Welfare . . .	9	1	.900	308	177	—
Administration . . .	7	3	.700	228	218	2
Nights . . .	5	3	.625	371	266	3
Independents . . .	2	6	.250	128	236	6
Unknowns . . .	2	7	.222	174	269	6½
Dental . . .	1	6	.148	107	150	6¼

### SCORING LEADERS

	GP	FG	FT	TP
Aungst, Administration . . .	9	64	2	130
Johnson, Welfare . . .	9	39	0	78
Owens, Nights . . .	8	32	6	72
Stevenson, Adm. . .	9	35	0	70
Young, Nights . . .	8	33	2	68

## Indeps And AdMen Win Final Games

With the Independents and AdMen both taking wins last week, the intra-hospital basketball tourney came to a close. The Indeps had a narrow squeak as they defeated the highly-favored Night Crew 44-38. Meanwhile, the AdMen were having an easier time of it as they outpointed the Unknowns by the score of 35-21.

Although neither game had any bearing on the championship, they did change the standings somewhat. The Independents were able to move out of last place into fifth, and the AdMen moved back into second place over the Night Crew.

Welfare and Recreation were the big guns of the tournament as they completed the season with a record of nine wins and one defeat. With a competent bunch of boys, they won the championship going away, although during the tournament they had difficulty recruiting players as some of their leading scorers were transferred. But just when they needed help most, new men arrived and took over. Except for the defeat at the hands of Night Crew, they had little difficulty with their competition.

Pleased with the success of the tournament, Coach Joe Reginato stated there would definitely be more of the same. Everyone concerned cooperated, and the entire tournament ran off very smoothly. A few games had to be cancelled due to members of the team being unable to attend, but none of those games would have affected the final outcome. All in all, it was a very good tourney, and all hands are looking forward to the beginning of the next one.

## Second NSLI Dividend Set

Washington (AFPS)—Servicemen and veterans who hold National Service Life Insurance policies can expect a second dividend on the anniversary dates of their policies in 1951, the Veterans Administration has announced.

Present plans for starting payment on January 1, 1951, may be disrupted, the V.A. said, if the Budget Bureau cuts back the \$4,800,000 requested by the Administration to cover administrative expenses of the dividend.

The amounts of the new dividend will not be announced before December, but the sum will be far below the \$2,800,000,000 refunded this year.

**Sunday School services will begin tomorrow morning, 1 October, Protestant Chaplain, James D. Hester, has announced. Services will be held topside in Building 133, and will begin at 1000. The nursery will be opened at 1100 to take care of small children during the regular church service.**

## Marine Band Visits Oak Knoll



The Twelfth Naval District Marine Band, under the direction of T. C. G. Feeney, were enthusiastically received by staff and patients at Oak Knoll Thursday evening, 21 September. Giving a complete concert, their music included both classical and popular. This was the second appearance of the band here, and everyone is looking forward to seeing them again.

## PREVIEWS

**1 October**  
OUTRAGE—Mala Powers, Tod Andrews. Although very little is known of this movie, it has a good rating from reviewers. Both actor and actress get a good chance to display their talents in this one.

**2 October**  
LET'S LIVE A LITTLE—Hedy Lamarr, Robert Cummings. With Miss Lamarr in the lead, most anything can happen in a movie, and plenty happens in this one. Robert Cummings is good in his star role in this picture, which is rated as above average.

**3 October**  
DEPORTED—Jeff Chandler, Marta Torren. No information is available on this one, but it is understood that the acting is first rate.

**4 October**  
SONS OF NEW MEXICO—Gene Autry, Gail Davis. This is supposed to be one of the best of Autry's pictures. Always a good lead, he has capable assistance in Miss Davis. Plenty of good singing and lots of excitement in a very good western.

**SO YOUNG, SO BAD**—Paul Henreid, Catherine McLeod. Very little information available, but reviewers rate it as a good one to see. It is a recent release.

**6 October**  
SANDS OF IWO JIMA—John Wayne, Adele Mara, John Agar. This is a picture for the Marines, as well as everyone else. This one gives a vivid picture of the Marines at work with the capable acting of three top names. If you like plenty of action, you will enjoy this picture. This is one of the few recent movies to receive an excellent rating.

**7 October**  
THE BRIBE—Robert Taylor, Ava Gardner, Charles Laughton. This is a tense melodrama in the well worn pattern of staple cops-and-robbers thrillers. Taylor represents an agent of the American Government sent to Central America to track down some criminals selling war surplus materials to undesignated foreign countries. Feigning love with Miss Gardner, he falls into a trap and is about to accept a bribe to stop his investigation. His mission is finally accomplished, but it leaves the feeling with you that he might have "sold out" except for Miss Gardner.

## Gage Wins Title In Pool Tourney

Eliminating all opponents by a convincing margin, Roy L. Gage, HM3, took first place honors in the station pool tournament, defeating J. S. Chaney, HA, in the finals.

Winning was a real feat as there were sixteen men entered in the tourney, all of them experts at pushing a cue. With a deliberate style of play, however, Gage was able to outpoint them all and end on the top.

Each finalist received an individual award for his winning efforts.

## New Plans Made For Bowling League

Plans for beginning an Oak Knoll bowling league are still going on, although play will be started as soon as was planned. At a meeting last Monday, there were not enough present to make definite arrangements for the opening, and it is necessary that more teams be entered.

Realizing the fact that it was impossible for enough to attend the meeting, new plans are being put into effect and Coach Reginato hopes to organize the league very soon.

At the present time the nurses have organized several teams and are contemplating a league of their own.

Anyone interested in bowling should see the Welfare and Recreation office very soon. Bowling is one of the best indoor sports and it should be possible to form more than one men's league. Let's back it to the limit and put enough teams on the roster to make a lot of competition.

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## Chest Drive To Give Aid To 36 Agencies

One out of five people of the cities of the East Bay were served by 36 local welfare, health and recreation organizations which banded together to obtain support through one community fund campaign—the Community Chest.

The Oakland Area Community Chest campaigns locally once a year for the support of 36 community agencies. As the citizens of this area adequately support their Chest, so will the needed Red Feather agencies serve this community.

The Chest quota has been set at \$1,132,119 plus \$40,000 for the armed forces services, the need for which has arisen since the outbreak of the Korean war. The total goal represents more than a 30% increase over last year. Rising costs will always follow an increasing population and the subsequent extra demands for services—and the Oakland Area population has increased 40% since 1940!

Chest agencies have had to refuse thousands of people because insufficient funds could not provide such necessities as trained leadership for youth, nursing service for the sick, hospital bed space for unwed mothers, or caseworkers for family counseling.

The Community Chest is the most efficient method of raising money for the support of needed human services.

Here at Oak Knoll, beginning Monday, every serviceman and civilian will have an opportunity to contribute to the agency which was organized for the sole purpose of making this a healthy, happy community for the men, women, and children who live in it.

On the committee to collect funds at the hospital are LCDR Anthony T. Wallace, CHC, chairman; LCDR Frank W. Cleary, MC; LT Robert O. Harrison, MSC; LTJG's Jack D. Nelson and Richard V. Hickman, MC; LT's Margaret Bergsma, Alice Murphy, and Ann-E. Dressel, LTJG Florence Loughrey, Ensigns Virginia Jordan, Ruth L. Grass, Jane E. Hodges, and Carolyn Hochuli, all of the Navy Nurse Corps; and Dudley R. Britney and Thomas R. Newsom of the civilian staff. These solicitors will be assisted by 72 enlisted men.

## General Wedemeyer Talks With Patients



Lieutenant General A. C. Wedemeyer, USA, Commanding General of the Sixth Army, came out from the Presidio of San Francisco last Friday to chat with army patients who are here for treatment of Korea war wounds. He was accompanied on his bedside rounds by the Commanding Officer, pictured with him here, and Captain N. J. Cantley, MSC, USA, army liaison officer for the hospital. Pleased to meet his distinguished visitor was T/Sgt. Louis Raquino, USA, Ward 42A. The Sergeant's home is in Rizal City, Philippine Islands. The interested on-looker in the background is Nieves Nevarez, AN, USN, from Anglio, New Mexico.

## Five (5) Television Sets Presented For Use on Wards

Thanks to the Oakland Magic Circle and East Bay Lions Clubs, Oak Knoll is five television sets richer than last week, when there were only 16 sets aboard the station.

The Magic Circle is a group of Oaklanders who spend their spare time baffling their friends with sleight of hand tricks and studying the art so that they can entertain at a professional level. Some of this entertainment is brought to Oak Knoll each week by a member of the Circle, and last spring a big benefit performance was given in the Oakland Auditorium.

This is where the television sets come in. With money raised at the spring benefit, plus contributions from the East Bay Lions Clubs, five television sets were purchased and delivered to the hospital last Friday. Furthermore the Circle has another show in the immediate offing—an evening of magic on 13 October, where Oak Knoll patients will be guests and where money will be raised for the organization's television for hospitals fund.

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Korea war wounded look on as Captain Cook accepts a gift of five television sets from the Oakland Magic Circle and East Bay Lions. In the group, left to right, are LT Gail C. Matthews, NC; PFC Frank Merkle, USMC; Mr. and Mrs. James Eyster of the Magic Circle; PFC R. G. Garcia, USMC; Mr. Leslie Freeman, deputy district governor of Lions International; and PFC R. G. Adams, USA.



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## Community Chest Presents Challenge

"The 1950-51 Campaign of the Community Chest of the Oakland area presents a challenge to every citizen, but more particularly to those of us in governmental service. Certainly we are in a position to realize that a rapidly expanding local population must inevitably have increased demands for service upon health and welfare services, and, likewise, that such agencies have not been immune from the rising cost of operation that has characterized our national economy.

"But in common with so many others, and possibly because of exasperation at the many independent campaigns which grew up with the war, we have adopted the expedient of treating the Community Chest appeal as just another campaign, and have not given a second thought to the sorry fact that 90% of all contributions to this truly American effort average SIX CENTS to each of the agencies for a year's operating expenses. The result has been inadequate community support for the 36 agencies for which the Community Chest raises funds.

"Any criticism of this 36-agency campaign can be logically answered. No one has yet come up with a better plan for financing health, welfare, and youth services than the Community Chest. That being so, let our contribution be commensurate with our civic and benevolent responsibility."

Honorable William J. McGuiness  
 Volunteer Chairman  
 Public Employees Division  
 Oakland Area Community Chest

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

The great actor, Edwin Booth, was once invited to dinner by an educated and pious old gentleman, who had his pet prejudices against theaters and actors. Someone asked Booth to read the "Our Father." Slowly and reverently Booth rose from his chair. After a solemn silence, Booth began in his rich, reverent tones:

"Our Father, who art in heaven." He continued the Lord's prayer with such meaning and feeling that everyone was thrilled. When he finished there was silence. Not a word was uttered nor a movement made, until finally the host seized Booth's hands and exclaimed: "Sir you have given me a pleasure which I can never forget. I am an old man, and every day from my boyhood until now I thought I had repeated the Lord's prayer, but I never knew it—never heard it—until now."

"To read that prayer as it should be read," Booth declared slowly, "has caused me the severest study and labor for thirty years; and I am far from being satisfied with my rendering of it."

The Lord's prayer is so wonderful because it was taught by Jesus Himself. It excels all other prayers because it is clear—even children can understand it. It is persuasive—there is in it humility and simplicity.

The Lord's Prayer is wonderful in its depths of meaning. It is complete—every need and desire, spiritual and temporal is included. It is wise—there is in it faith and hope and love, the three foundation stones of religion. It is logical—first comes the glory of God and His kingdom, and then our needs.

Never before in the history of our country has the need for fervent prayer been so great as now. We are engaged in the most gigantic task ever attempted by any nation. Our material resources are great, but shall we depend upon these alone? Shall we not mobilize our spiritual resources as well? Our enemies boast of their unity of purpose—shall we not take a lesson from them and join our hearts and hands in this one supreme interest? The tide of this conflict will really turn when we as a nation truly turn to the real source of our power and victory. On our knees in prayer for Divine help, the spiritual forces of this nation will be irresistible.

The boys who are fighting our battles for us write of the comfort and courage they are receiving from reading their Bibles and receiving the sacraments. Can we sit in comfort and safety and not do everything possible to unite our spiritual forces with theirs?

Why don't more of us who can, take advantage of the beautiful chapel here by just dropping in for a short visit and prayer as we come in or go out the gate?

Pray the "Our Father" there, or in your ward, if you cannot go there, with fervor and feeling and meaning, as Edwin Booth did after a lifetime study of what those beautiful words meant. Use that prayer often; use it thoroughly.

A. T. WALLACE  
 Catholic Chaplain

## Red Cross Ramblings

Yes, that rumor is true! Arthur Murray teachers do teach dancing each and every Friday afternoon at 1400 in the Red Cross Lounge. If you want to learn to dance, or to perfect your ability in the samba or the rhumba, come to the dancing class, learn these dances and meet the attractive teachers who are eager to assist you.

In the new Red Cross Lounge there is a very fine Dark Room with equipment for developing, printing, and enlarging pictures. If you are interested in using the Dark Room, in organizing a camera club, or if you are bored and are looking for a job, contact Miss Kay Stewart, Recreation Worker in charge. She will welcome your assistance.

Excitement has been at a high pitch in the Craft Shop this week. Many new interesting craft projects have been produced by patients. A most attractive light green and earth brown rug has just been woven on the foot treadle loom by **Lincoln McCaddon** of Ward 42B. **Harry E. Carter**, MMC, is designing a pair of lamps which will be a part of the decor in his living room in Crockett, California. Our ceramic corner at times looks like the production line of an industrial plant. The small fish salt and pepper shakers are very popular and some mornings when the kiln is being filled it takes on the aspect of an aquarium of glazed fish with many colors. **Sherman L. Pompey**, SKSN, of Ward 63 is busy assembling a calico pottery dog. **Chaplain C. W. Nelson**, CDR, of Ward 69B has concocted several covered candy dishes resembling Florentine porcelains. Those posters around the walls of the Craft Shop with a bit of realism and surrealism have been contributed by **William Magary**, SN, of Ward 48B. He is interested in still life work with oils.

Habla Espanol! That is the question that one hears asked on Ward 69 where Ensign **George Thompson** is taking Spanish from Mrs. Heredia, language instructor from Belgium, who has been living in the Philippines and speaks both French and Spanish. **Pfc Frederick Brink** of Ward 77A is also enjoying Spanish lessons. Anyone else interested? Then speak to the Red Cross worker on your ward, and she will contact Mrs. Heredia for you.

Do you enjoy listening to Classical Records? The lounge has a wonderful new long-playing record attachment, and a very fine collection of operas and symphonies, as well as many other kinds of classical records. There is no Ping Pong Tournament winner to announce this week since the tournament was called off because of the Alvino Rey concert.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

- 24 September  
**LANDERS**, Valerie Jean, to wife of S. Landers, SA, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
**SHEETS**, Raymond Charles, II, to wife of Raymond Sheets, DC3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
**KARLSON**, Linda Christine, to wife of Vernon Karlson, RD1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.  
**DAVIS**, Donna Denise, to wife of Davis, CSSN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
**FRANCIS**, Robin Elaine, to wife of Francis, AC2, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
**SHEPHERD**, Ramona Jeanine, to wife of Henry Shepherd, SN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
**BARRETT**, Eileen Louise, to wife of Charles Barrett, MEW2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
**ALEXANDER**, Male, to wife of Alexander, BM2, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.  
**BINETTI**, Nettie Ann, to wife of Binetti, BMC, 6 pounds, 10½ ounces.  
**MARRS**, James David, to wife of Marrs, BMC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.  
**POE**, Benjamin Michael, to wife of Poe, HMC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
**SILVA**, Patricia Diane, to wife of D. Silva, 1st LT, 8 pounds.  
 25 September  
**WATERS**, Male, to wife of Arthur Waters, MMC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.  
**GALLUCCI**, Deborah Kay, to wife of Robert Gallucci, HN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.  
**MILLER**, Susan Marie, to wife of William Miller, EN1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
**RIBERA**, Girl, to wife of Vernon Ribera, DC3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
**URBAN**, John Lawrence, to wife of Leonard Urban, AD1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.  
**PACE**, Charles Edward, Jr., to wife of Charles Pace, HN3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
**MATISEN**, Ema Lou, to wife of William Matisen, AMS2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
**TEEL**, Robin Suzanne, to wife of Walter Teel, AD3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
**TRACY**, Timothy Neal, to wife of James Tracy, ADC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
**CONLEY**, Barbara Ann, to wife of Paul Conley, AEC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
 26 September  
**GOUGHARY**, Michael Francis, to wife of Francis Goughary, YN2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
**SMITH**, Boy, to wife of Vincent Smith, AEC, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
**DORAN**, Dennis Robert, to wife of James Doran, S/Sgt, 8 pounds.  
**MIDDLEBROOKS**, Gloria Mellan, to wife of Albert Middlebrooks, SDC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.  
 27 September  
**ANGLIN**, Irene Roberta, to wife of Earl Anglin, BMC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
**ROSS**, James Taylor, II, to wife of James T. Ross, deceased, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.  
**ELKINS**, Laura Susan, to wife of Elmer Elkins, PR3, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.  
**ABNEY**, Kathleen Ann, to wife of Robert Abney, T/Sgt, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
**CAMERON**, Madeline Marie, to wife of Douglas Cameron, LTJG, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.  
**ARMSTRONG**, Roger Wayne, to wife of Earl Armstrong, LCDR, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
 28 September  
**SMITH**, Lana Sue, to wife of Walter Smith, BT1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
**HARVEY**, Catherine Jeanne, to wife of James Harvey, Sgt, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
**DUDLEY**, Robert William, to wife of Robert Dudley, MMJ, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.  
 29 September  
**BROWN**, Brock Wayne, to wife of Charles Brown, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
**AMATO**, Paul Eugene Victor, to wife of Paul Amato, FM, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.  
**CARRON**, Kenneth Joseph, to wife of Arthur Carron, ADC, 6 pounds.  
**ANDERSON**, Patricia Sue, to wife of Lynn Anderson, AMC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.  
**MEDVICK**, Julie Ann, to wife of George Medvick, YN1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
**CURRIE**, Janice Ruth, to wife of James Currie, FPI, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
 30 September  
**DAVIS**, Lorie Ann, to wife of Michael Davis, Sgt, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
**FERGUSON**, Jeffrey M., to wife of Albert Ferguson, MMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
 1 October  
**McGOWEN**, Clarence Paul, to wife of Clarence McGowen, EM2, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.  
**SIMEON**, Terrance, to wife of Kenneth Simeon, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
**RODD**, Cynthia Lee, to wife of Leonard Rodd, DC2, 6 pounds, 3½ ounces.  
**DARNELL**, Richard H., to wife of William Darnell, ME1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
**O'BRIEN**, Debra Lee, to wife of William O'Brien, PFC, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.  
**HOLMES**, Janet Lee, to wife of William Holmes, MA2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
**GAUDETTE**, Male, to wife of Charles Gaudette, HM2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:  
 Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
 Sunday—  
 Sunday School, Bldg 153.....1000  
 Nursery, Bldg. 153.....1100  
 Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
 Monday—  
 Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
 The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.  
 Catholic:  
 Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
 0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.  
 Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1100  
 Saturday Mass 1150.

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.



## Here's The Scoop On Station Library

*"Reading is the best medicine for a sick man, the best music for a sadde man, the best counsel for a desperate man, the best comfort for one afflicted."*  
—John Florio: *First Fruits* (1578)

Are you just learning to read? Can you understand Plato? Or are you encased in a body cast so that you can only read films projected on the ceiling? The **Crew's Library**, just across the street from the Community Service Building, offers you a chance to follow your literary bent, whether you are a patient, staff member, civilian employee or dependent. Come in to check out books, read the magazines or newspapers, write letters or just relax.

The feature that distinguishes the **Hospital Library** from your home town public library is the book cart that goes to the wards daily to lend books to bed patients. Books circulated from the book cart make up approximately 75% of the total circulation. Watch for the cart in your ward, choose the books and magazines you want to read, and request others that you would like. Mrs. Perry, Hospital Librarian, and her two assistants, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Yob, will be glad to bring them to you. Those patients unable to hold books or magazines in their hands are welcome to borrow a film projector for as long as they wish. Regular books are projected on the ceiling by simply pressing one of two buttons. All types of micro-filmed books are available—novels, non-fiction, westerns, mysteries and even cartoon books.

There are thousands of books in the Library collection and 75 magazine and newspaper subscriptions. The books come from three main sources: Naval Supply Center in Oakland, from which a monthly distribution of fiction and non-fiction titles is received; those purchased with Welfare Funds available, and those received as gifts. Almost all of the current best sellers can be found in the Library in addition to numerous other selections in such fields as biography, history, travel, sports, radio and philosophy.

Books are checked out for a period of two weeks and may be renewed if not in demand. When you leave the hospital, PLEASE return all of your books. Nurses and corpsmen are very helpful in trying to gather up books left by patients, but they cannot be expected to shoulder all the responsibility. Remember that someone else is probably waiting to read the book that you are so carelessly leaving in your locker.

Among the new selections received recently are **THE SAN QUENTIN STORY** by Warden Duffy, **THE SPANISH GARDENER** by A. J. Cronin, **THE LITTLE PRINCESSES**, **WHITE WITCH DOCTOR**, **DIAMOND WEDDING**, **BEHIND CLOSED DOORS** by Zacharias, **THE STANDARD BOOK OF HUNTING AND SHOOTING**, and **THE STORY OF ERNIE PYLE**.

If you want any of the above reserved, a book renewed, or the correct spelling of a word, call at the Library, phone extension 273, or ask the Librarian to help you when she visits your ward. Your request will be

## Navy To Call More Corps Waves

**Washington (AFPS)**—The first involuntary recall to active duty of an undisclosed number of enlisted Waves for assignment in the Navy Hospital Corps, has been announced by the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Wave Hospital Corpsmen (HM) in the third class, second class and first class petty officer ratings will be ordered to active duty. Male enlisted and officer personnel have been receiving involuntary recall orders for several weeks.

The Navy also is accepting enlisted Waves in pay grade E-3 (Seaman, airman, etc.) for voluntary call to active duty for an obligated and guaranteed period of one year. Heretofore, only petty officers could volunteer for active duty.

## Navy Bolsters Active Fleet With New Ships

**By Armed Forces Press Service**

To meet the growing demand for ships, the Navy has commissioned a new vessel and returned six others to service from a decommissioned status.

The new ship is the USS Bryce Canyon, a destroyer tender of 14,000 tons. She was commissioned in Charleston, S. C.

In San Diego, four destroyers were taken out of "mothballs" and replaced on the active list. They are Evans, Blue, Sproston and Walker.

The light aircraft carrier USS Monterey, a ship with a lustrous World War II record, rejoined the active Fleet at Philadelphia. The 16,000-ton vessel accounted for 497 Japanese planes and 21 enemy ships during her war service.

The Navy hospital ship USS Haven returned to active duty to replace USS Benevolence, lost in a collision during a heavy fog in San Francisco harbor.

## Punish Red Soldiers For Romantic Affairs

**(AFPS)**—There will be no pinups for soldiers of the North Korean armies. This is the edict of a political commissar.

A diary taken from a dead political officer had this entry:

"Kim Chol Chong is in love with the daughter of the Pukson hotel owner. We had better punish him."

Another page revealed that the officers were to keep a special watch on soldiers who wrote letters, had pictures of girls, received female visitors or who spent lots of money.

## Officers' Wives' Lunch Wednesday, 11 October

Officers' Wives will meet at the Club at 1230 Wednesday for luncheon, bridge, and canasta. Hostesses will be Mrs. T. J. Canty, Mrs. D. S. Marcy, Mrs. J. G. Bulgrin, Mrs. H. V. Eastman, Mrs. M. O. Sartori, Mrs. M. M. Rubin, and Mrs. L. G. Hopfer. For reservations call Mrs. Rubin.

handled as soon as possible. The Library is open from 0800 to 1630 and 1800 to 2100 Monday through Friday, and from 0800 to 1100 on Saturday.

## Chief of Chaplains Visits Hospital



Rear Admiral Stanton W. Salisbury, ChC, USN, Chief of Navy Chaplains, paid his first visit to Oak Knoll on 27 September, coming here to talk with the Commanding Officer and staff chaplains. Pictured with him and Captain Cook is Captain Razzie W. Truitt, ChC (right), Twelfth Naval District Chaplain. Admiral Salisbury came to the Bay Area to speak to Naval ROTC units at the University of California and Stanford University. The subject of his talk to the university groups was "The Relation of the Chaplain to the Serviceman."

## Young Men With A Future

That's the way the Navy recruiting posters read and every time America gets herself involved in a shooting fracas, George (Sandy) Sanderson of Richmond reads them. Then he drops over to the recruiting offices and tries to sign up. This routine has been going on for the last 68 years and has gotten Sandy into three wars, a couple of rebellions and an insurrection or two. It took Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox to get the old Chief Bosn's Mate back in uniform in World War II when, at 80, he was the oldest man in the armed services. Now, at 88, he's back knocking on Captain John Collis' door at 12th Naval District Headquarters here. Sandy had heard there was some sort of hassel going on out in the Pacific and he's not one to shirk duty. What's more, the retired Federal Court bailiff, who has a room full of Navy books, Navy photographs and Navy medals in his Richmond home, just plain likes the Navy.

Jack: "Do you tell your wife everything?"

Jim: "No. What she doesn't know won't hurt me."

Bus Driver: "Hurry up, sarge, we can't wait all day."

WAC Sgt.: "I won't be a minute. Wait till I get my clothes on."

There was a craning of necks as the WAC Sgt. boarded the bus with a barracks bag full of laundry.

## Dr. Carr Attends Orthopedic Meeting

CDR Chalmers R. Carr, MC, USN, was in Portland, Oregon, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to attend the Western Orthopedic Association meeting. While there he presented a paper on the subject, "Vitallium Cap Replacement of Shattered Radial Head."

Jerry: "I like to sit alone with my thoughts."

Jane: "I'll bet you get pretty lonesome."

Psychiatrist: "Why don't you like to talk over the telephone?"

Patient: "Because I always hear voices. People are liable to think I'm crazy."

## Thanks From A Pleased Parent

3006 Claremont Avenue  
Berkeley, California  
15 September 1950

Dear Captain Cook:

Mrs. Patricia Hulten, my wife, has recently returned home from a four-day visit at the Naval Hospital, where she presented me with a fine seven and one-half pound son.

Mrs. Hulten is nothing short of enthusiastic with regard to the efficient care, consideration, and patience with which she was treated. I understand that all hands were uniformly cheerful and understanding; from my observations during visiting hours I heartily agree.

I am deeply grateful, doctor, for such excellent care, and especially, of course, for the splendid results. May I extend my personal gratitude to you and to your splendid pediatric staff for a uniformly grand job on mother, son—and father.

Yours sincerely,  
LT A. P. Hulten, USN



## Welcome and Farewell

Fifty persons reported aboard and twenty-eight were detached during the week of 27 September to 3 October. Departing were CAPT E. F. Kline, to USNH, Mare Island; CAPT P. O. Northington, to Washington, D. C.; CAPT M. R. Wirthlin, to USNH, Newport, R. I.; LTJG Patricia A. Karn, to USNH, Oceanside, Calif.; LTJG Gail C. Matthews, to USNH, Jacksonville, Florida; LTJG Ruth W. Martin, to USNH, Pensacola, Florida; ENS Helen F. Wallis, to USNH, Memphis, Tenn.; LT Catherine M. Harkins, to NAS, Whiting Field, Florida; ENS Dorothy J. Ververloh, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LT's Mary E. Dyer, and Josephine E. McCarthy, to USNH, St. Albans, N. Y.; LTJG Marie R. Brennan, to USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex.; LT Marie Lipuscek, to USNH, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; LT Esther F. Ransay, to MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco; LTJG R. B. Slater, to Naval School of Aviation Medicine, NAS, Pensacola, Florida; LTJG Lorraine E. Coppoc, to USS Gardiners Bay; LTJG's Kathryn I. Anderson, Eleanor M. Baltrose, Barbara E. Blue, Catherine M. Wendling, and Dorothy E. Weyrauch, to Tripler General Hospital; ENS Mary Deignan, to Tripler General Hospital; HN's F. B. Aungst, R. L. Scott, and J. G. Becker, to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; R. E. McPherson, HM2, USNRS, San Francisco, Calif.; C. R. Smith, HN, to USN Motion Picture Operator School, San Diego, Calif.; and D. W. Smith, HN, to USNRS, San Francisco, California.

Those reporting aboard were LCDR W. J. Trower, LTJG's R. Kelosky, Lillian E. Baines, Lois C. Robinson, Anna L. Callahan, Hjerdis E. Molvig, and Dorothy F. Parkhill, from civilian life; CHPCLK John Alden, from Commandant, Eleventh Naval District; LT Olive Boyer, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California; HMC's P. E. Musick, A. D. Bobo, R. Crowe, L. G. Estes, and D. E. Morse, HM1's T. Langlais, W. D. Bishop, J. T. Weesner, W. Branson, R. R. Gammon, E. F. Gray, G. S. Smith, and P. A. Hatch; HM2's, B. E. Deneux, M. A. Foster, L. M. Freese, H. L. Wells, J. Pangborn, H. D. Riley, K. L. Odle, W. A. Ludi, R. M. Beindorff, F. G. Roettger, G. N. Nelson, HM3's, T. Balentine, R. S. Coon, N. W. Farnum, N. J. Asher, J. L. Jorgenson, V. L. Noyes, C. C. Sharp, R. A. Sherman, J. R. Thompson, L. B. Towne, C. P. Besio, and W. A. Franson, HN's, R. T. Sweere, and V. H. Tisdale, from USNRS, San Francisco, California; G. V. Hofsommer, DTG1, and F. E. Henderson, DTP2, from USNRS, San Francisco, California.

Model to artist: "You say I'm the first model you ever kissed?"

Artist: "I can swear to that."

Model: "How many models have you had before me?"

Artist: "Four. An apple, an orange, a dead fish, and a piece of cheese."

WAF: "Doctor, please tell me what is wrong with me."

Doc: "There's nothing wrong with you. You just need a rest."

WAF: "Are you sure, Doctor? Please look at my tongue."

Doc: "That needs rest, too."

## Oak Knoll Welcomes New Chaplains



LCDR W. TROWER

LCDR William Trower, CHC, USNR, assumed his new duties as Catholic Chaplain at Oak Knoll 29 September.

Chaplain Trower was ordained 8 December, 1938, at the North American College in Rome, and from there he went to a parish in Long Beach, California, where he served until entering the Navy in 1943. His duty in the Navy has included service with the Potomac River Command, and aboard the USS Atlanta.

Returning to civilian life in 1946, he was assigned as assistant Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Later he served as Chaplain of Los Angeles City College Newman Club, Chaplain of the Council of Catholic Nurses, and instructor at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Volunteering for extended active duty 1 August, 1950, Chaplain Trower becomes the third Catholic Chaplain now on duty here.

## Trailer Converted To Ambulance Use

Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California (AFPS)—A new home-made 30-litter ambulance has been placed in use here to transport Korean war wounded from air evacuation planes to the base hospital.

The ambulance is believed to be one of the largest automotive drawn ambulances in the world.

Designed by Col. C. D. Farr, director of materiel for the base, the vehicle was converted in a week's time. It was built, the colonel said, because he felt patients weren't being transferred from planes to the base hospital fast enough.

Previously, when war wounded arrived, 16 or 17 base ambulances swarmed about the plane for an hour and a half. When the first use was made of the ambulance recently, only 45 minutes were required for transfer of 23 litter and ambulatory patients.

Two 10-men shifts worked a hectic week to convert a standard 40-foot trailer into the ambulance. It is 8 feet wide. Metal sides and top were added. Fifteen litters were installed on each side in three tiers. Each side has five ventilation windows. The ambulance will shortly be air conditioned and a heating system will be installed by winter.



LCDR A. T. WALLACE

LCDR Anthony T. Wallace, CHC, USNR, who reported for duty as Catholic Chaplain on 22 September, comes to the hospital from St. Elizabeth's Parish in Washington Heights, New York City, having volunteered for extended active duty. A native of that city, he was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Patrick's Cathedral, 11 June, 1938, after preparatory studies at Cathedral College and St. Joseph's Seminary. His first assignments were at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and Highland Falls, New York, just outside the U. S. Military Academy, at West Point. In September, 1942, he joined the "K" Class at the Chaplains' School, N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia, and upon graduation was assigned to the U. S. Coast Guard Training Station, Alameda, California. The following year he began his overseas duty at the Naval Air Station at Maui, T. H. In January, 1945, he was assigned to the Receiving Station, 14th Naval District, and was there until VJ Day. Following his discharge from the Receiving Station, Brooklyn, New York, he was reappointed by Cardinal Spellman to Highland Falls, New York, as assistant pastor, and in November, 1947, he was transferred to St. Elizabeth's in Washington Heights.

## Neighboring Naval Activities Give Blood

With the need for blood constantly increasing, nearby Navy activities have been responding generously to the call for blood donors. According to word from the Blood Bank, 396 pints have been added to this hospital's supply since 15 September.

On 3 October, 156 donors from the Naval Supply Center contributed. Moffett Field personnel deposited 155 pints in the bank on 26 September. Electronics Materiel School, Treasure Island, a regular contributor, gave 38 pints on 15 September, and personnel from Naval Air Station, Oakland, gave 22 pints on 22 September.

## Television

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Because of a shortage of lead-in wire in the area, the five new video sets have not been installed as yet, but LT R. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, expects to have these plus five other sets purchased by Welfare funds, in use in the very near future. This will bring the hospital's television count to 21.

## Front Line Troops Praise Corpsmen

Aboard Navy Hospital Ship at Sea (AFPS) — The Medical Corpsmen serving aboard this hospital ship and throughout the Korean combat area are all "mighty good guys," according to the patients — who should know.

A medical ward here is filled with wounded soldiers and marines. They lie quietly on their bunks. Some are writing letters, some are reading, while others just relax and watch the smoke curl from their cigarettes.

It is difficult to start a conversation with these boys. Generally they answer all questions with a "yes" or "no." One wounded marine was asked, "Are there any hospital corpsmen at the front?" That did it. Throughout the ward wounded men responded as if by magic. Eyes brightened, cigarettes were elevated to jaunty angles, letter writing stopped, and the men began talking all at once.

A marine private said, "Hell, yes. I've seen corpsmen at the front and I'd like to get the name of the one who saved my life. Our tank was burning and all the crew but me were killed. I was shot through the shoulder and pinned under the tank."

"This here hospital corpsman run up the hill with the enemy giving him everything, but he digs me out and drags me back. When we are safe, I ask his name and start to thank him. He said, 'don't bother me, there's another poor guy up there on the other side of the hill,' and then he runs back through the machine-gun country."

A soldier interrupted, saying, "I saw a medic with his finger had blown off put a tourniquet on his wrist and then go about helping two guys with his good hand. There's no medal high enough for those guys. They should get a double Medal of Honor."

A marine spoke up, "We give the corpsmen a bad time in peace, calling them pill rollers and pot jugglers, but we respect them. They are quiet birds, and shy as the devil, but what a job they do in combat."

"Yeh, you'll find the medics on the front lines of this or any other war, and they'll be doing a mighty fine job."

## Vending Machines Return to Sea

Vending machines are making their return to ships of the fleet. Although they have been in use for a number of years, it has only been during the past two years that installation and use have been on an extensive scale. In the spring of 1948, procurement of the first machine was made, and since that time more and more vessels have been making inquiries.

The cup-type beverage machine has proved to be a most desirable machine both from a standpoint of financial return and enhancement of morale. Reports from a few vessels reveal that the average gross sales per month are about \$500, although this figure varies with the environment, climatic conditions, etc. The gross profit on this operation is about 60%.



# Who's Who . . .

If you aren't feeling quite up to par and need a prescription filled in a hurry, see **William H. Johnson, HM1**, who works in the pharmacy.



Johnson arrived here 14 September this year from Treasure Island after being recalled to active duty as a member of the Naval Reserve. He was born in Fallon, Nevada, which still is his home. He formerly enlisted in the Navy in the "big little city" of Reno in November, 1942.

Before coming back to active duty, Johnson was attending the University of Nevada where he graduated with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. Upon graduation he received an assistantship to attend graduate school at Michigan State College, but had to turn it down when called to duty.

As hobbies, he enjoys sports in general with emphasis on tennis and swimming.

When you pick up your liberty card at the I.M.A.A. office, there is a good chance that **Melvin B. Echelberger, HA**, is giving it to you. He likes this detail as it puts him close to his own card.

Melvin says he likes to live by the old motto, "Make hay while the sun shines."

Although not explaining fully, he did say liberty was his way of



living by this motto. His main interests other than liberty are eating and sleeping. This wouldn't seem a very good way to make hay.

Eichelberger was born in Lehigh, Iowa, but his present address is Modesto, California. He enlisted in the Navy in March, 1949 and came to Oak Knoll March, 1950.

One of our newer arrivals is **Lon Rowlett, HM1**, who spends his working hours in the Hospital Corps barracks. His voice should be very familiar to everyone who has occasion to hear the loudspeakers.



Rowlett, who was born in Middlesboro, Ky., first enlisted in the Navy in January, 1942, in Louisville, Ky. After his discharge, he joined the reserve and was called back to active duty 24 August this year, reporting to Oak Knoll 12 October from Treasure Island.

His wife, Grace, and son, Lon, Jr., live in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he worked as an appliance salesman.

Rowlett likes all sports and does a lot of reading.

A man was brought before the Judge for creating a disturbance at his girl friend's home.

"Liquor again?" asked the Judge.

"No, sir. This time she licked me."

## Alvino Rey Brings Novel Show To Auditorium



From the moment last Friday afternoon when his guitar began to talk, Knollites knew they had something here. What they had was Alvino Rey, his famous troupe of entertainers, and an hour of some of the best entertainment yet to come to the Oak Knoll stage. The show got off to a good start when Del Gore, disguised as a sailor, strode forward out of the audience, donned a flowing wig, and took over direction of the orchestra—guitar, Ray, and all. Marilyn King, a member of the famous King sisters' quartet, sang "You Made Me Love You," and "Life Begins at 14" and was one-fourth of the quartet that appeared in several novelty numbers, including their television version of "Five o'Clock Whistle" in semi-full costume. With the assistance of Miss King, Alvino made his strange looking table-model electric guitar say "Mama," whistle like an air raid alarm, and quack like a duck. Although it frequently asked "Huh?" before following directions, its responses were on the whole better than those of most well-behaved children whose parents ask them to show off for visiting relatives. Jimmy Joyce, pianist, left his keyboard to give out with "Old Man River" and "Mona Lisa," which brought resounding applause from the audience. Mr. Rey, now playing at the Lake Merritt Hotel in downtown Oakland, brought his show to the hospital as a gift to Korea wounded. He hopes to return; we hope he will!

## Chuckles

Captain: "Don't you salute an officer when you see one?"

Recruit: "Sorry, sir, I didn't know you were a lieutenant."

Seaman: "I'm positively through with gambling forever."

Bosun: "Forever? I don't believe that."

Seaman: "Want to bet five dollars on it?"

"That looks like a wasp in your coffee."

"Naw. That's just our new vitamin Bee."

"Why do they call that good-looking nurse, 'Appendix'?"

"Only a doctor can take her out."

Seaman: "She's my cigaret girl."

Chief: "Why do you call her that?"

Seaman: "Because I just picked her up on the street."

Dedicated to all guard house lawyers: "He who thinks by the inch, and talks by the yard, should be dealt with by the foot."

Sergeant: "Did you volunteer for this detail?"

Joe: "See my fingernails?"

Sergeant: "Yeah. What about them?"

Joe: "You can still see the slivers I got when they dragged me out from under the bunk."

Talk about your vicious circles. In Puerto Rico they raise cane and drink rum, then they drink rum and raise cane.

Recruit: "This barracks isn't fit for a dog."

Sgt.: "Yes it is. Come right in."

## Welfare and Recreation

The Welfare and Recreation staff has announced they have tickets on hand for 40 patients to attend the Oregon State vs. UC football game. This game is to be played in Cal Stadium 21 October. First come, first served; so if you are interested in attending, you should call at the Welfare and Recreation Office before 1200 Wednesday, 18 October.

## Ban Dependent Travel West of Pacific Coast

Washington (AFPS)—Army, Navy and Air Force officials have suspended indefinitely the transportation of military dependents to points west of the Pacific coast, including Alaska and Hawaii.

In its announcement, the Navy said the suspension is being effected to provide more space in air and sea craft for those traveling to Pacific bases under priority.

The order does not affect civilian personnel returning to Pacific stations from U.S. leaves, or those civilians traveling under orders to points in the Pacific.

1st Joe: "You say you read a good book, met a good girl and had a good night's sleep?"

2nd Joe: "Yeah, but I didn't have a good time."

It happened on a street corner. Irate Lady: "Officer, stop that soldier. He tried to kiss me."

M.P.: "Take it easy, lady. There'll be another one along in a minute."

Teacher, testing class observation: "I'll toss a coin, children. Now, tell me what it is."

Bright boy: "I'll say tails."

## Selection Boards For Line and Staff

Washington (AFPS)—The Department of the Navy has announced the convening dates of boards to select officers for temporary promotion to captain and commander. General Line and Staff Corps officers of the Regular Navy, USN (Temporary) officers, and Naval Reserve officers on active duty with the Regular Navy are to be considered.

The first board will convene on October 10 and will recommend officers for promotion to captain, General Line. On October 17, a board will be convened to select officers for promotion to commander, General Line. Staff Corps officers in both grades will be considered by a board convening on November 7.

Commanders with five years in grade and lieutenant commanders with four years in grade, as of June 30, 1951, will be considered.

The Navy also will appoint approximately 1,300 warrant officers, in grade W-1, before next July 1.



"... and not one place in town is off limits!"



## Oak Knoll Takes Win Over NAS, 28-6

Playing their first game of the season, the Oak Knoll varsity touch football team defeated NAS, Oakland 28-6.

The game was closer than the score indicates, as during the first half both teams showed plenty of promise. However, NAS was unable to penetrate the defense of the Knollites and going into half-time the score was 21-0. With the start of the second half, both teams played erratic ball until the last few minutes, when the hospital team scored one more touchdown. NAS came back, however, to score their only touchdown as the result of a desperate 40-yard pass in the last minute of play.

Bob Worsham, quarterback for the hospital team, was at his best in the game. Guiding his men all the way, he scored one touchdown and devised one play in the huddle which sent Bob Irvine scurrying over the goal-line. This was Irvine's second touchdown of the game.

C. A. "Johnny" Johnson did his share, as he passed to Worsham for one TD and ran for another. His splendid broken-field running made it practically impossible for the opposition to stop him.

Although pleased with the performance of his team, Coach Joe Reginato noted the need for more practice and more reserves. Anyone interested or experienced in touch football should contact the coach immediately as the season is just beginning.

"What's the fastest thing in the world?"

"A nudist who's just spilled hot coffee in his lap."

"What's the slowest thing?"

"The same guy going over a barbed wire fence."

Junior: "My pop has a wooden leg and it pains him something awful."

Playmate: "How can a wooden leg pain him?"

Junior: "My Mom hit him on the head with it."

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CAPT J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Executive Officer, congratulates the Welfare and Recreation basketball team, champions of the recent station basketball tournament. Trophies were presented to each member of the team. From left to right are Athletic Director Joe Reginato, G. E. Papadakis, HM3, C. A. Johnson, HN, F. H. Allan, HA, W. E. Wiley, HN, and CAPT Gordon. Lower right, CAPT Gordon presents trophy to Coach Reginato in recognition of his play during the tournament.

## Welfare Wallops Pharmacy 67-0

Welfare and Recreation continued their winning habits last Monday evening as they overwhelmed Pharmacy 67-0 in touch football league play.

From the opening kick-off it was all Welfare as D. Sullivan, a last-minute substitution in the game, took the kick from Pharmacy and ran it all the way for a touchdown, behind excellent blocking by his teammates. This was just the beginning, however, as about one minute later, R. L. Worsham, captain of Welfare, intercepted a pass and ran for another TD.

Pharmacy had difficulty from the start in getting their plays to click. This was due mostly to not having sufficient practice as a team. But their main trouble was in stopping the fleet-running C. A. "Johnny" Johnson. Johnson was easily the star of the game as he passed, and ran for large gains time after time. During the forty minutes of play he was racking up a total of four touchdowns, two of which were on intercepted passes and two from scrimmage. He also completed two passes for touchdowns. However, the most outstanding play of the day came when F. D. Inazzi of Welfare intercepted a Pharmacy pass on his own goal line and proceeded to run through all opponents for 80 yards to a touchdown.

Welfare and Recreation, showing the results of plenty of practice, had capable guidance from quarterback Worsham. His ability to call the right plays was always in evidence.

Since the season is just beginning it is still difficult to pick a favorite for the championship. Several good teams are entered who have not had a chance to play as yet, and they have a good chance of forging ahead to the top.

Little girl: "I'm afraid of that big dog barking behind us."

Father: "See the way he's wagging his tail. A dog never hurts you when he wags his tail like that."

Little girl: "I'm not so sure he knows his tail is wagging."

## Bowling League Will Begin 10 October

Eight teams have entered the bowling tournament and will begin play Tuesday, 10 October. The teams have been split into two leagues, American and National, with four teams in each.

Entered in the American league are Chiefs No. 1, Chiefs No. 2, and Lab starboard watch. In the National league are Chiefs No. 3, Nurses No. 1, Lab port watch, and Nurses No. 2.

Handicaps will be given in the National league for the two Nurses teams, but none will be necessary in the American. Play will begin promptly at 1700 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with the American league meeting on Tuesday and the National on Thursday.

The schedule is as follows: Tuesday, 10 October, Chiefs No. 1 vs Welfare, and Chiefs No. 2 vs Lab starboard watch; Thursday, 12 October, Chiefs No. 3 vs Nurses No. 1, and Lab port watch vs Nurses No. 2; Tuesday, 17 October, Chiefs No. 1 vs Chiefs No. 2, and Welfare vs Lab starboard watch; Thursday, 19 October, Chiefs No. 3 vs Lab port watch, and Nurses No. 1 vs Nurses No. 2; Tuesday, 24 October, Chiefs No. 1 vs Lab starboard watch, and Welfare vs Chiefs No. 2; Thursday, 24 October, Chiefs No. 3 vs Nurses No. 2, and Nurses No. 1 vs Lab port watch.

## Plans Recipe Book Of Korean Dishes

Wichita, Kan. (AFPS)—Miss Harriet Morris of Kansas, formerly a missionary in Korea, is reprinting her book of Korean recipes.

She feels some American boys there may develop a taste for Korean food, thus creating a demand for it. Most of the Korean dishes are quite spicy, while baking is unknown there. "Once people get a chance to eat Korean food, they are enthusiastic about it," Miss Morris concluded.

1st Bum: "Gee, it's swell to see you."

What've you been doing?"

2nd Bum: "Ninety days."

PREVIEWS

8 October

COIT 45—Randolph Scott, Ruth Roman. A Warner Brothers' color film with a rating of very good.

9 October

TALL IN THE SADDLE—John Wayne, Ella Raines. A very good western in which incidents, both exciting and humorous, are worked closely together. A re-release with excellent acting.

10 October

LAST OF THE BUCCANEERS—Paul Henreid, Jack Oakie. A new color movie. Columbia. Rated excellent by reviewers.

11 October

CHAIN GANG—Douglas Kennedy, Marjorie Lord. No information available as it has not been released for reviewing as yet.

12 October

DIAL 1119—Marshall Thompson, Virginia Fields. Thompson plays the part of an escaped mental patient who kills without reason or pity. Throughout the picture he seems in a trance and it is possible to understand some of the thoughts running through his mind. Supporting cast is excellent. A very good thriller with a few laughs woven in.

13 October

GLASS MENAGERIE—Jane Wyman, Karl Douglas. Taken from Tennessee Williams' prize-winning play of frustration and underlying tragedy. Acting is excellent as Jane Wyman plays the part of a cripple, shy and retiring, who lives largely in her own world of which a glass menagerie of horses and miniature animals is the center.

14 October

SONG OF SURRENDER—Wanda Hendrix, Carey McDonald. A good drama where a young farm girl marries an elderly man and then falls in love with a younger man. She finds it necessary to choose between love and loyalty.

New Type Warfare

With the U.S. Forces in Korea (AFPS)—"Bring 'em back alive" is the reason for a Marine sergeant becoming a casualty in Korea.

Sgt. Kenneth Klose tried to capture a North Korean officer alive. The officer bit the Marine on the back of the neck. The Red is in a POW stockade, and Sgt. Klose is in the hospital. Diagnosis: Rabies.





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## Sgt. Kimbrough's 75 Transfusions Inspire Neighborhood Blood Drive

Any member of the Kimbrough family—united here this week by the arrival of SGT Richard M. Kimbrough, USA, Ward 71B—can speak authoritatively on the subject of blood. Richard has been on the receiving end, and as far as anyone at this hospital has been able to determine his 75 transfusions are an all-time high.

A member of one of the first units to see action in Korea, the 20-year-old sergeant was wounded 10 July by enemy shrapnel, but these were only superficial wounds of the legs and hands, and six days later, back on duty, he was hit again, this time by a machine gun pistol that shot two slugs into his left leg and two more into his abdomen.

When this word came, the entire family went into action at home. The patient's brother Gordon, 26, wounded while serving in the South Pacific during World War II, remembered that it had taken six pints of blood to start him on the road to recovery. He knew that Richard would need blood and that thousands of other men like him would need it. The Kimbrough drive was on. Gordon, a GI pre-med student at USC,

his wife Margaret, his sister Joanne, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kimbrough, called on every family in the Los Angeles block where they live, asking for volunteer blood donors. Each family was also asked to solicit another block for more donors.

On 16 September a Red Cross Mobile Unit called at the Montebello Park Grammar School. There, in six hours, the Kimbroughs and their neighbors gave 400 pints of blood for Korea wounded.

Today, Richard Kimbrough is slowly improving, and it is not possible to estimate how much more blood he may need. Gordon, after installing a television set for his "kid brother," returned to Los Angeles Wednesday night to catch up on his studies and recruit more blood.

## Tickets For Forty Patients To U.C. Game

The Welfare and Recreation staff has announced they have tickets on hand for 40 patients to attend the Oregon State vs. U.C. football game. This game is to be played in Cal Stadium, 21 October.



PFC James R. Ratliffe, Jr., USMC, of 41B and 65A, was wounded in Korea; he was from somewhere in the midwest; he was able to travel; and what was most important he was engaged. That's how he happened to be chosen to appear on "Truth or Consequences." This picture shows him as he left Oak Knoll, excited but skeptical about what might happen to him in Hollywood.

## Lucky PFC Takes "Consequences"

"Young man, you have failed to tell the truth and will have to take the consequences," Ralph Edwards told PFC James R. Ratliffe, Jr., USMC. That was Monday before last when he fumbled a question in English grammar at a recording for a Truth and Consequences television show to be released over KPIX on November 12. And thereupon, a series of consequences beyond the 20-year-old Smackover, Arkansas, marine's wildest expectations began to unravel.

Having confided the fact that he was planning to be married shortly after his transfer to USNH, Memphis, Tennessee, he was introduced to a blonde model, reputed to be pining for her fiance in Korea.

"Now, just to make you two feel better, we'll have a proxy wedding right here on the stage," the famous emcee announced. A quick twist of the wrist, and he produced a small chapel with minister, music, and a blonde bride. As a climax to the mock ceremony, Ratliffe was instructed to kiss the bride.

"I lifted up her veil, and whadda ya know, it was my own girl with a yellow wig on," Ratliffe beamed as he related his experiences here this week. "Her name's Patricia Thompson, and she's from Knoxville." Other surprising consequences for the ma-

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## Community Chest Needs Your Help

Last Tuesday morning, the Community Chest opened its drive to obtain funds for the needs of 36 agencies serviced by the local office.

According to Chest headquarters, Community Chest needs this year reflect both the International situation and local changes. In nearly every locality where the Community Chest operates, additional funds are being solicited to be used for service to the Armed Forces as a result of present mobilization and anticipated future expansion of the military. These funds are in addition to the money needed for the support of welfare, health, and recreation agencies.

The Chest quota for the Oakland area is \$1,132,119 and will be for the support of agencies in Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont, San Leandro and San Lorenzo, plus the additional amount for services to the Armed Forces. The total goal represents more than a 30% increase over last year. Oakland Chest officials point out that since World War II the Oakland area health and welfare services have faced both the problems of rising costs of operation and greatly increased demands for service from expansion in population. For example, daily cost of food for one child in a children's home in 1940 was 20 cents; now it is 62 cents.

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Sergeant Richard M. Kimbrough, USA, admitted from overseas on 6 October, this week enjoyed a visit from his brother Gordon, pre-med student at the University of California. Richard, wounded twice within six days' Korea fighting, has received 75 pints of whole blood. Gordon has recruited 400 pints for treatment of Korea casualties. Wounded during World War II when he was with the Armed Forces in the South Pacific, Gordon received a number of blood transfusions himself. Now, taking time out from his studies, he is doing everything possible to help out in the Red Cross Blood Donor program.



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## Fire Prevention Week

Today is the last day of Fire Prevention Week. During the past few days we were supposed to check for fire hazards, and do everything in our power to cut down the number of fires that bring tremendous losses each year to all parts of the country.

Just how well did we do our job? This question will not be answered until the statistics for the next year can be made up. But, we can look back and see if we learned our lesson.

Last year one home out of every hundred had a tragic fire. Unless something happens to change our habits, there will be at least that many this year. Forest fires are also particularly costly and dangerous at this time of the year. Last year millions of dollars worth of lumber and beautiful forest were destroyed because of carelessness. The number of forest fires has increased 33% since 1942 and the total number of outdoor fires last year was 400,000. Carelessness is responsible for the greater part of these fires. Lighted cigarettes tossed out the car window and campfires left smoldering are often the cause of tragic and costly waste.

The United States maintains a fire-fighting force of almost one million men to protect lives and property. Why can't we raise this number to equal the total population of the U. S. and eliminate the cause of these fires? Fire is one of the leading causes of all disasters in the United States. The American Red Cross reports that fire is responsible for more disaster relief calls than all other cause combined.

Let's not wait until we learn by experience but profit from the sad experiences of others.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The "Plan of the Day" is familiar to everyone connected in any way with the service. It is the brief printed result of years of experience and much thought, made practical and definite for everyone on a ship or station. Through such a plan all the energies available are utilized to the best advantage. Various components are coordinated so that the work to be done is accomplished in the best possible manner. Without a "plan of the day," an organization would fall to pieces, there would be duplications of effort, and various groups might be working toward different goals.

Our lives are in need of the same kind of planning; it is easy to let days just slip by without making any progress toward our goal unless we do take time first to do some thinking, organizing and planning. We have first of all to set some objectives for ourselves. Then we have to find out what the best way is to go about reaching that objective; we have to analyze our abilities and then use them to the best advantage. We should make every day count.

If we do not do this, we waste our abilities, and then we have no particular objective, we live in a haphazard way; we are just going around in circles, and then later on we wonder why we get no place.

Even time spent in a hospital bed can be useful; in fact it can be the most valuable time in our lives. We can make it count because our spiritual life goes on just the same and even makes more progress by surmounting difficulties. We can figure out for ourselves a set of values, choose goals worth working for, and make a plan for obtaining it.

The great St. Ignatius Loyola was a soldier; he was badly wounded and spent a long time in the rotten primitive hospitals of his day. But during that time he organized the forces within himself so that the amount of good work he did later is almost unbelievable.

Such accomplishment came from a plan of life making everything count, both favorable things and things that seem like obstacles.

—W. J. TROWER, Catholic Chaplain

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### Protestant:

Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100

### Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.  
Saturday Mass 1150.

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

# Red Cross Ramblings

**HEADLINES OF THE WEEK:** Chess Club Demoted \* \* \* Scores of New Hostesses for the Lounge \* \* \* KLX Breakfast at El Nido Rancho \* \* \* "Dr. Lester and Miss Ethel" stellar performance.

We haven't any authoritative statistics concerning the extent to which

checker playing ability is inherited, but we have observed that Pfc. William (Hopalong) Boyd, 43B, a Marine recently from the shores of Korea, plays a rather astute game. He tells us his grandfather, living in Lubbock, Texas, was world checker champion back in 1935. Wouldn't you know Texas would lay claim to the title somewhere along the line? ✕

The **CHESS CLUB** is being demoted now that the fall activities are in order again with the various schools and clubs in the community. A number of charter and veteran members are still on the club's roster, and with these as a nucleus we hope to build up an interesting and extensive membership.

The first outside meet of the season was held Wednesday night when ten players from the California School for the Blind at Berkeley visited the compound and with their usual skill, succeeded in defeating our plucky lads. This particular group will offer us competition the second Wednesday of each month.

There is a perpetual tourney between patients in the hospital, which can be rewarding with some handsome prizes. Books and magazines on the royal game are also available through the Red Cross office; so make yourselves known if you wish to learn the game or join our progressive club. Instructors from Berkeley and Oakland are on hand occasionally, and we know you will find their advice invaluable.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Sgt. Samuel Crumpler of the U. S. Army, 41B, who tells us this particular birthday was one he had doubts about celebrating for a while—at least during that spell in Korea.

That professional pose of Glenn F. Minard, BMC, 43B, for the lovely blond sketch artist from the California School of Arts and Crafts, is a result of some experience in modeling for Sears and Roebuck Company ads. "Leg Art" was the Bos'n Mate's line and that accounts for the full length portrait instead of the usual head and shoulders.

Several young artists come each Saturday from this above-mentioned art school to make complimentary sketches of various patients both on the wards and in the lounge on request.

Dr. Lester and his partner Miss Ethel have been entertaining patients on the wards with their magic trick and new card techniques. They recently returned from a tour of the Army and Navy Hospitals in the European Theatre of Occupation.

How's about joining the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club??? The Red Cross Motor Corps will take you in a station wagon leaving the compound at 1015 on Sunday morning for Rancho El Nido. Breakfast is served near the outdoor swimming pool while you lend a willing ear to the musical broadcast. See the Red Cross recreation worker on your ward about signing up.

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS.** Those sweet and hot notes emanating from the Red Cross Lounge last

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

29 September

KALSCHEUER, Glenn John, to wife Raymond Kalscheuer, SKC, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

2 October

THOMAS, Baby Boy, to wife of Thomas, AMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

CAMPER, Tommy Lee, to wife of Raymond Camper, SD1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

3 October

COOK, David Charles, Jr., to wife David Cook, SN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

CATES, Sharon Sue, to wife of Richard Cates, PN2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

SEELY, Eugene Reid, to wife of Richard Seely, SOSN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

ROACH, Renee Lynn, to wife of Charles Roach, SA, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

YOUNG, Bruce MacDonald, to wife Charles Young, 1st Lt., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

MUSE, Ronnie Dean, to wife of James Muse, AK2, 7 pounds, 3½ ounces.

4 October

O'NEILL, Stephen Bradford, to wife Joseph O'Neill, LT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

HEFLIN, William Wayne, to wife Robert Heflin, AA, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

TRIGUEIRO, Rachelle Ann, to wife Francis Trigueiro, ME3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

GOFORTH, Ada Marie, to wife of Lester Goforth, CS1, 4 pounds, 1 ounce.

5 October

CRAWLEY, Sylvia Marie, to wife of Clayton Crawley, SD2, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.

6 October

LYLES, Brenda Joyce, to wife of Charles Lyles, GMSN, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

JONES, Patrick Lamar, to wife of Robert Jones, SN1, 7 pounds.

BOLAND, John Winston, to wife of John Boland, MMLC, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

McGAA, De Wayne Michael, to wife De Wayne McGaa, AT3, 7 pounds.

DICKIE, David James, to wife of David Dickie, YN3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

BEATTY, Susanna Louise, to wife William Beatty, CWO, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

CASH, Terrence Michael, to wife of Ed Cash, SN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

8 October

FOSHAY, Nannette Cecile, to wife of Fred Foshay, CSSN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

CHILDRESS, Baby Boy, to wife of William Childress, PACT, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

BARNHILL, Judith Lynne, to wife Robert Barnhill, BM2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

ALEXANDER, Dale Robert, to wife Gilbert Alexander, AMAN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

SEWELL, Baby Boy, to wife of Fred Sewell, T/Sgt., 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

STARR, Patricia Ann, to wife of Fred Starr, M/Sgt., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

PENCE, Baby Girl, to wife of George Pence, SOG2, 3 pounds, 11 ounces.

MORRIS, Mary Anne, to wife of Robert Morris, SK1, 7 pounds.

## Short On Teeth? Army Is Not Fussy

**Washington (AFPS)** — Lack of teeth will no longer bar a man from military service, the Army has announced.

An Army order issued 14 Sept. instructs selective service officials to accept toothless men who are otherwise fit. The order restores standards allowed during World War II.

After the war, the Army raised dental standards; requiring a draftee to show at least 16 of his teeth, eight upper and lower directly opposite.

The Army will provide false teeth if necessary.

Thursday night were those of the grand new hot combo, the "Four." With but two practices, they were able to make their successful debut. Earl Smith, M. Mills, SN, sax; and M. Weleford, piano, are the present able members and are welcoming other instrumentalists to their band. Just see White in the Red Cross Lounge if you're interested.



## Who's Who . . .

One of the older members of the staff is **F. G. Bruinsma**, HM1, who arrived 27 July, 1949. He came here from Bethesda, Maryland, where he had been attending the School of Hospital Administration.



Bruinsma, who spends his working hours in the Civil Readjustment Office, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He enlisted in the Navy 23 October, 1940 and since that time has served in a great many parts of the world. Before enlisting in the Navy he attended college for two years.

Home at the present is in Santa Cruz Village, where his wife, Mildred, and three-year-old daughter, Milbry Ann, live.

His hobbies are reading and playing the violin. These take up most of his spare time.

One of the busiest men on the station is **Herbert C. Scheiderer**, HM2, who spends most of his time in the Security Office.

Scheiderer, born in Littlefield, Texas, first came into the Navy in March, 1943. After receiving his discharge he went to work for Wagner Electric Corporation in the Inventory Control Division. He was recalled to active duty August, 1950, as a member of the St. Louis Naval Reserve and reported to Oak Knoll the latter part of the month.



Hunting and fishing are the favorite recreational activities for him, and it has been said he is very adept at telling fish stories.

**Ernest M. Howell**, HM3, who works in the Receiving Office, is one of the later arrivals at Oak Knoll. He reported here from Charleston, South Carolina, 26 August, 1950, after being recalled to active duty as a member of the active reserve.



Howell was employed by the Eastern Airlines in Charlotte, North Carolina before coming back to active duty. His wife, Maida, lives there at the present.

He has an interesting hobby as well as a profitable one, as he collects old coins. His favorite sports are football and baseball.

Grandpa wasn't much on etiquette, but he knew what was good for him. At a formal dinner, the maid served him coffee. He took one gulp, and spit it out. Everybody gaped. "Waal," he drawled, as he looked at the surprised faces around him, "That coffee was too hot. Many a dang fool would have swallowed it."

## Oak Knoll Men Advance in Rate

Twenty-nine Oak Knoll HN's were advanced to HM3 as a result of tests given during July this year. The rates are to become effective 16 October. Following are the names of those promoted: C. E. Pace, J. C. Obanion, I. E. Bristow, C. K. Smith, D. H. Parrish, D. A. Myers, T. E. Stevens, V. Turri, Jr., B. B. Howell, A. A. Lithfield, W. W. Kratzer, G. A. Wright, J. G. Becker, M. A. Bendixen, G. D. Gregory, W. H. Fox, R. H. Brown, R. S. Blackwell, G. W. Ramsey, H. J. Peru, J. A. Poole, R. L. Holbrook, L. J. Florio, W. A. Everheart, L. C. McBurney, J. P. Gatlin, J. G. Caudillo, H. F. Wulschleger, and M. H. Radke.

## Two Stage Shows Here This Month

The Welfare and Recreation Department has announced that two outside shows will appear in the auditorium during the month of October.

The first one will be sponsored by the Oakland Firemen Friday, 20 October. It will be a variety show made up of all-professional talent.

Another show will be presented 1900 Tuesday, 24 October, by a group of vaudeville and television performers from San Francisco. They will give an Old Time Vaudeville act which should carry us back to the old days.

## Claremont Dinner Party Each Thursday Evening

Seven patients are invited to the Claremont Dinner Party which is given every Thursday evening at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley. If you would enjoy a very good dinner in pleasant surroundings, please contact the Welfare and Recreation Office before 1200 Wednesday of the week you wish to attend. Transportation will be furnished both ways.

## Niahtie Niaht!

**Copenhagen, Den. (AFPS)** — The little gown that wasn't there stole the show in a recent Odense fashion display. A beautiful model traipsed across the floor showing a handsome housecoat. Then, with a professional smile she threw the housecoat open to display the stunning nightgown. The audience was stunned, but soon broke into vigorous applause. The model had forgotten to don the nightie!

Salesman: "I'd like to . . ."  
Big Boss: "Sure, I know. You're Jerry Hunter. I met you at a Rotary dinner two years ago at the Mayhem Hotel. You were selling office supplies. I told you to come back in a week, and you never showed up. What can I do for you?"

Salesman: "Nothing. I am selling memory courses now."

Sergeant: "What do you men think you're doing?"

Recruit: "We were told to carry some boards to the lumber pile."

Sergeant: "What boards?"

Recruit: "Gosh! Well, what do you know? We must have forgotten to take them along."



James C. Glasscock, EN1, USN, studies various types of fire extinguishers that were on display during the past week as part of the hospital's observation of Fire Prevention week. Daily instruction to ward personnel was also on the program.

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Larry Cohen and Bob Kyser were doing their bit for the unification of the Armed Forces last Sunday at Muir Woods with the WACS — Bill West and Dick Keefe are two others who are partial to the WACS — Grundy, Thrasher, and Forrest are amazed at what goes on in Oakland's nite spots — Stan Cohen was so elated by mention in Ed Sullivan's New York column that he's forgotten to gripe about things in general all week long — Gertie Niesen's bumps and grinds in "Gentlemen Prefer blondes" gave J. W. Bennett a bad case of exophthalmia (look that one up in your medical dictionary) — The Tonga Room at the Fairmont was swarming with Oak Knoll nurses last Sunday afternoon. Guess they like the hourly storms that rage with real showers, lightning and thunder. — Will Branson was sitting in the dress circle at the Opera's opening night performance. Get him! Later in the week he was glued to that Fish Bowl which houses a blonde at Bimbo's — Jim Rock's three sisters are making him apprehensive; all three are being commissioned in the Nurse Corps (he's an HA) — Bob Wilson is looking at wedding rings these days. His lil' Ole Southern Belle must have said yes — Bill Johnson's co-ed cutie came all the way from L.A. to see him last week end. He must wear catnip!

"I hear Tom's a lady killer."

"Yeah, they take one look at him and drop dead."

## Koreans Hard-up For Weapons

**With U.S. Forces in Korea (AFPS)** — There are certain North Koreans active who might do better in big league baseball. They're throwing rocks at airplanes—and hitting them.

Navy Lt. Wayne F. Chol, of Imperial Beach, Calif., reported recently that he felt something hit his jet plane while he was making a strafing run on a North Korean truck convoy at Steering Wheel River.

Chol thought it was a bullet, but later found a stone the size of a baseball in his plane's air intake duct.



The street is no place to accost a young lady who lives at 242 Walnut Drive, Mayfair 7-1921.



## WELCOME and FAREWELL

Seventy-four persons were received aboard and 38 were transferred during the week of 4 to 11 October. Those being transferred were LCDR Francis J. Klass, to Fifth Base Depot, Marine Corps, Barstow, California; LTJG's Frances R. Allen, Madge J. Atkins, Anna C. Bork, and Rita K. Camp, to USS REPOSE; LT Helen J. Shields and LTJG Dorothy D. Werner, to Naval Station, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I.; HM1's J. J. Calkins, L. Roulett, T. J. Lauglais, F. M. Fowler, and F. F. Morin, HM2's C. Roetlger, M. Beindorff, A. Finneran, L. Odle, B. Cooper, M. Donchin, A. P. Tanner, and C. J. Meredith, HM3's J. Semerad, R. E. Misdovitch, G. O. Xander, C. R. Thomas, K. Morris, S. A. Cohen, J. E. Gast, J. L. Jorgenson, V. L. Mayes, C. P. Besio, and A. F. Armhust, and HN's R. E. Weeks, F. D. Ianazzi, J. D. Denham, T. J. Lally, F. J. Buckner, and P. D. Ayars, to Receiving Station San Francisco, for further transfer; and Ruth D. Ford, HM1(W), to USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reporting aboard were CDR G. M. Lynch, from Naval Station, Adak, Alaska; LT R. G. Harwell, from Headquarters 5th ND, Norfolk, Virginia; LT A. P. Pierce, from Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; LTJG J. R. Kimmel, from Naval Shipyard, Mare Island; from civilian life came the following nurses, LT's Teresa M. Griffin and Lila E. Suiter, and LTJG's

Marie Y. Leclair, Mary M. Raverty, Barbara L. Cosden, Elizabeth A. Stadtmiller, Margaret L. Regan, Edith C. Pugh, Margaret E. Maguire, Carrol L. Readinger, and Louise Cowart; HM1's G. C. Bowers, J. B. Fontenst, L. Tingdon, A. W. McClain, J. B. Wright, G. Chessuare, J. I. Geis, W. Peterson, E. Robertson, H. D. Pearson, J. J. Taddeo, G. F. Davis, and O. L. Adams; HM2's M. J. Garcia, L. H. Hergog, W. C. Knight, D. G. Malone, L. M. Pronk, W. R. Watson, A. Bastas, R. Trijillo, and O. R. Hooker; HM3's H. N. Goodmanson, L. R. Capson, R. K. Tyrer, C. C. Spencer, J. W. Weires, and J. R. Erdwan; HN's D. C. Boatwright, J. T. Dragicevich, J. Marias, E. H. Spencer, and D. E. Watson, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; R. F. Reynolds, HMC, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; J. H. Picard, DTG1, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; C. W. F. Childress and L. Gentzler, HM1's, HM2's L. V. Brown, M. Donckin, S. Miller, L. G. Shepard, F. R. Sulzberger, and V. Turner, HM3's E. L. Barger, J. E. Gast, R. C. Godwin, H. McConnell, and A. Reynolds, HN's P. D. Ayars and C. Wellshear, from Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Maryland, and H. L. Wills, HN, and HA's J. J. Armas, R. M. Ascercion, M. L. Duncan, P. Katronitz, R. W. King, D. E. Solomon, and O. Yturalde, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

## Chuckles

Joe: I saw that stranger kissing you.

Jane: Yeah, he's kissed me a lot of times.

Joe: Where is he? I'll teach him a couple of things.

Jane: I don't think you could.

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They were out at sea. The ship was rolling and the passenger was sick. "Hey," a ship's officer called out, "you can't be sick here."

The passenger looked at him wanly, stuck his head over the rail, and gulped, "Watch!"

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Soldier: "I can't eat this chicken."

Cook: "What's the matter with it?"

Soldier: "It must have been born in an incubator."

Cook: "How do you know?"

Soldier: "No chicken with a mother could be that tough."

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Sailor: "I'd like to have a book called 'The Ruby Yacht.'"

Librarian: "Sorry, we don't seem to have it. Do you know the name of the author?"

Sailor: "Sure. My girl friend said it was The Ruby Yacht of Omar Khayyam."

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Cooperation would solve many problems. For instance, freckles would make a nice coat of tan if they'd just get together.

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Policeman: "You've been holding your hand out of the car window for five minutes now, lady. What's the big idea?"

Lady motorist: "I'm drying my fingernail polish."

## Community Chest

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It has been necessary before for Chest agencies to refuse aid to many people because insufficient funds could be raised to provide the necessary services. The Community Chest reminds us that they are only a fund-raising organization. They raise the money and distribute it to the agencies who provide the services. For this reason, Community Service is the most efficient way of caring for needed human services.

Those who wish to do so may designate the agency, or agencies, they wish their donations to go to.

The Oakland Area Community Chest campaigns only once a year for the support of these agencies. As the citizens of this area adequately support their chest, so will the needed Red Feather agencies serve this community.

Here at Oak Knoll, every serviceman and civilian will have an opportunity to contribute to the agency which was organized for the sole purpose of making this a healthy, happy community for the men, women, and children who live in it.

Absent-minded Professor (To student at start of term): "Didn't you have a brother in this class last year?"

Student: "No, I'm taking this course over again."

Professor: "Remarkable resemblance, nevertheless!"

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Professor: "There's a new drug called Dexamyl that is said to increase capacity for work."

Student: "That's fine; but do you happen to know a drug that makes work unnecessary?"



Perhaps LT Robert O. Harrison, MSC, USN, Commissary Officer, feared that friends might think he was telling another fish story. Anyway, he lost no time in having his picture made to prove that his fishing trip out toward the Farralones on 5 October was worthwhile. The nearly Harrison-length salmon weighed 42 pounds.

## Youth, 17, Receives Silver Star Award

With the U.S. Navy off Korea (AFPS)—Among the first group of Navy men to be decorated for gallantry in action in the Inchon invasion was Paul J. Gregory, SA, USN, who, at 17, is one of the youngest Servicemen ever to receive the Silver Star.

Seaman Gregory, with William H. Ragan SN, USN, and Richard P. Vinson, ENFN, who also received Silver Stars, were members of a boat crew that risked their safety to return to the beach and rescue wounded Marines pinned down by heavy machine gun fire.

A Silver Star also was awarded Chancy H. Vogt, SN, USN, who, while acting as coxswain on an assault landing craft, was wounded in the shoulder by sniper fire. Vogt remained at his post, delivered the Marines ashore, and started the craft on its return to the ship before relinquishing the controls.

Vice Admiral Arthur D. Struble, Commander of the Seventh Fleet, made the presentations.

Mess Officer: What is that fly doing in the soup?

Cook: Looks like he's swimming, chance.

## Parking Becomes Problem Here

Due to an increase in both officer and enlisted personnel reporting aboard, as well as an increase in the number of civilian workers, the Security Officer wishes to bring to the attention of all hands information concerning the parking spaces available on the hospital reservation.

The topography of the hospital reservation makes it mandatory that all available space be utilized to the utmost. Those personnel who have been given reserved space are asked to use only that space, and leave other spaces free.

Any department having more spaces than are utilized is asked to report the number of unused spaces to the Security Officer.

The speed limit for motor vehicles aboard the hospital reservation is 15 MPH. All personnel are warned that should they be caught speeding, disciplinary action will be taken against them, and their automobiles banned from the compound.

Cooperation from all personnel will be appreciated in carrying out all motor vehicle regulations of this compound.

## Lighthouse Keeper Aids In Landing

With U.S. Forces in Korea (AFPS)—General Douglas MacArthur and Rear Admiral James H. Doyle were highly pleased by the "courage" of an island lighthouse keeper during the Inchon invasion. He either forgot to, or didn't want to, extinguish his light, providing a guiding beacon for the assault force.

Four days later, an international distress signal was noted flying from the lighthouse. Upon answering, the relief vessel found the keepers, and their families, all South Koreans drawn up as a reception committee.

The invasion of Inchon had cut off their supply trips to and from the mainland, and they had been without food, water and transportation for four days. The Navy minesweeper, USS Kite, took care of the group's needs from its own stores—in token of gratitude.

## Reserves To Be Kept In Uniform

Pearl Harbor (AFPS)—The Marine Corps plans to keep its reserves in uniform after the Korean conflict. Gen. Clifton B. Cates, Marine Commandant, has announced.

The General spoke here recently while enroute to Korea, telling newsmen that, "there is no plan whatsoever for releasing reserves. International circumstances do not warrant releasing anyone."

General Cates said the Marine Corps hopes to reach its authorized strength of 160,000 men—enough for two divisions and 18 air squadrons—by the end of 1950, no matter what happens in Korea. The Corps now has 120,000 men.

Wife: I didn't like the looks of your new secretary, so I just fired her.

Hubby: What! Before you even gave her a chance?

Wife: No, before giving you a



# ANYBODY LONESOME?

October 2, 1950

HI SAILOR:

What is cooking down there in California? How have you been? I bet you are enjoying yourself very much. I bet you have "The Life of Riley."

It must seem to be strange to hear from a stranger way up here in Buffalo. But I was reading the paper when I noticed The Oakland Navy Hospital in California. So I decided to write to one of the Sailors.

Do many actors come to visit the Hospital? How is the weather down in California? Is it as bad as the weather we New Yorkers have way up here in Buffalo?

Well it isn't a very long letter but I have to get ready for work. We have a candy stand & were open tonight. So I will say so long for now till I hear from one of the Sailors, very very soon.

Sincerely

MISS ROSE KEYES  
858 Fillmore Ave.  
Buffalo 12, New York

## Atomic Energy Makes Current

Chicago (AFPS) — Scientists here have succeeded in converting atomic energy into electricity for the first time, completing a research program started in 1942.

The feat was accomplished by John L. Kuranz, official of a nuclear instrument and chemical company, and Prof. Robert J. Moon, assistant professor of physics at the University of Chicago. Their method does not involve the use of boilers, steam dynamos, or similar machinery.

The device they perfected to accomplish the conversion is called a neutron thermometer, and is a governing instrument which permits atomic furnaces to operate at top efficiency without danger of explosion.

## Korea Vets' Families Get Housing Benefits

Washington (AFPS) — Wives and other dependents of Armed Forces personnel serving in Korea will be granted veterans' preference benefits in buying or renting new housing.

Housing Expeditor Tighe E. Woods said recently that the 1950 rent law extended the veterans' preference system established after World War II and made it clear that the privilege was extended to Servicemen on active duty as well as to their dependent families.

## Army Will Call 160,000 More

Hull, England (AFPS) — Little Georgie is a dutiful son. When his mother said, "Go fetch the hammer for mother, dear," he did so and Mom tapped her husband three times on the head with it. She objected to an outburst of temper by her mate in which he threw a cup of tea in her face, smashed a couple of eggs and threatened to smash the radio.

George senior wound up in the hospital and Mrs. Wood in court. The judge, after putting the wife on probation for a year, warned her: "You must not make a habit of sending Little George for the hammer."

1st WAC: I don't know how football teams ever get clean.

2nd WAC: Silly, what do you suppose they have scrub teams for?

Husband: "Darling, you ought to be in Congress."

Wife: "Why, dear?"

Husband: "Because you're so good at introducing bills into the house."

## Women Reservists Recalled To Duty Navy Calls For Corps WAVES

The first batch of women reservists now are being called up by the Army and Navy. The Air Force has been taking WAF's with badly needed specialties right along, and women in the Marine Corps organized reserve went off with the men when their units were mobilized.

The Navy's call is for WAVE hospital corpsmen only. The number being taken is hush-hush, but those with first, second and third class petty officer ratings are getting the nod. They'll be assigned to Navy hospitals and large dispensaries to fill billets opening up as the Navy expands.

In case other WAVE reservists are concerned about where they stand, all we can do is repeat the Navy's statement that it "has no plans at this time to recall involuntarily other categories of women reservists, either officer or enlisted."

As for the Army, its first call-up will bring 1,644 women back into uniform. Here's how they break down: 141 lieutenants and captains and 708 enlisted WAC's, 650 Army nurses and 145 officers in the Women's Medical Service Corps (WMSC).

All the enlisted WAC's will be back on duty by 15 November. The officers in the three groups will be snatched up in three handfuls, the last one scheduled to report by 29 November.

Among the enlisted WAC's, those who are unmarried and without dependents will be the first to go, but the Army said it may have to take married WAC's without dependents.

Those with dependent children under 18, officer and enlisted, in all three groups, can rest assured they will not be called, not even if they make arrangements for someone else to care for the kids. As a matter of fact, the Army is now in the process of discharging all its women reservists not on active duty who have dependents under 18.

## Consequences

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rine machine-gunner were the appearance on stage of his mother, his fiancée's mother, and his buddy, PFC Harold Stanberry, USMC, of Boone, North Carolina, Korea, and Oak Knoll. The happy quintet were guests of the Ralph Edwards show throughout a week filled with exciting experiences including trips to the Brown Derby, the Palladium, Ciro's, and the movie studios. A new station wagon, with or without chauffeur, was at their disposal, and they were housed in luxurious rooms at the Roosevelt Hotel. The two Oak Knoll patients, in order to make the surprise complete, were flown down an hour apart, and Ratliffe, arriving first, was ordered to rest in temporary quarters at the Knickerbocker until showtime to avoid any possibility of his meeting the Smackover, Knoxville, and Oak Knoll folks on Hollywood Boulevard.

Other details Ratliffe almost forgot to mention were the set of sterling silver, the electric dishwasher, electric washing machine, and practically a houseful of furniture that were presented to him and his bride-to-be as part of the show.

"What a time! What a time!" Ratliffe kept repeating as he talked on about the most fabulous week of his life. "But if I don't get transferred to Memphis in two weeks, it'll be just too bad, because that's when Patricia and I are really going to be married."

Medic: How are your eyes since I fixed you up with glasses?

Soldier: I can see the spots in front of them a lot more clearly now.

## WELL DONE, 72A

331 Wheeler Avenue  
Reno, Nevada  
4 October, 1950

Dear Captain Cook:

On behalf of my wife, Rose Powalisz, I should like to thank you for the excellent care and attention she received while a patient in Ward 72A.

I realize her case was a difficult one and required the utmost in diagnosis and treatment besides patience. We appreciate particularly the kindness extended her by the entire personnel in Ward 72A, and we should like you to again thank the nurses, internes, nurses' aides and ward attendants.

It is comforting to us Navy men to know that our dependents can and do receive the proper care and attention. My wife and I both feel that this note of appreciation is due you and your staff because of the fine treatment given her.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

LESTER F. POWALISZ  
C. C. S.  
U. S. Navy Reserve  
(Retired)

## Wanted: Machine to Remove Snow Tracks

Washington (AFPS) — Can you invent a practical device for obliterating the tracks of marching men or vehicles across snow fields? If so, the National Inventors' Council, which solves the Armed Forces technical problems, would like to know it.

The Council also would welcome the invention of a snow vehicle to be used as a prime mover for sleds or men on skis or snowshoes.

Among ideas for which the Council is bidding are down and feather substitutes in mountain and Arctic sleeping bags; a "snow and ice mole," a device capable of boring a hole the size of a vehicle through snow and ice to produce quick under-snow storage space; a personal heating system for the human body, and an Arctic transport vehicle that can carry personnel or supplies over all types of Arctic terrain at all seasons.

## USS Helena Becomes Hell Ship To Koreans

With the U. S. Navy off Korea (AFPS) — The heavy cruiser USS Helena has been given a new name, "The Hell Ship."

Communist troops who were subjected to intense shore bombardments by the cruiser dubbed her with that title. Of course, every crewman, from the skipper on down, is proud of the reputation bestowed upon her by Red forces.

As an example of the Korean Reds' reason for hating the Helena with such fervor: Her gun crews blasted enemy installations and troop positions for 77 out of 84 hours. "The Hell Ship" tossed 375,180 pounds of shells and shrapnel against the Communists in less than two weeks.

## Letter To Draft Board

Union, S. C. (AFPS) — The local draft board recently received this letter from a registrant: "This is to let you know that I am married and have one child. Would have notified you sooner, but hadn't noticed it until they started drafting."

Sgt.: I really married a volcano.

Cpl.: How's that?

Sgt.: My wife fumes, belches and spits fire.

Doctor: "And there's really no reason to worry about that habit of talking to yourself."

Patient: "Perhaps not, but I'm such a bore."

## TODAY'S FIRE SAFETY FLASH

SHE WORRIES ABOUT HER LITTLE DUMPLING...

DON'T EAT YOUR FOOT HORATIO! YOU'LL POISON YOURSELF!



BUT LEAVING LIGHTED CIGARETTES AROUND TO BURN DOWN THE HOUSE AND LITTLE HORATIO, DOESN'T BOTHER HER AT ALL!

NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS





The Oak Knoll practice bowling tournament started off with a bang last Tuesday evening as the four teams making up the American league met for the first time.

In first round play Chiefs No. 1 defeated Welfare and Recreation and Chiefs No. 2 defeated the Lab starboard watch. Chiefs No. 1 had a difficult time with Welfare as each team won one game before the Chiefs clinched it with a win in the third. Chiefs No. 2 had it more their way as they won easily from the Lab.

Chief Canaday led the Chiefs No. 1 to victory with an average score of 190 for the evening. This was the highest score for the night. His team also was high for the evening with an average of 765. Close behind them was Welfare with an average score of 759 with G. E. Papadakis, HM3, leading the way with an average of 170.

It was a good starting round and it is evident that when some of the bowling arms that have rusted from disuse the past year are unlimbered the scores should mount even higher.

This tournament is a practice tournament and will go on through this month. Next month, the championship tournament will begin. There is still room for more teams in the championship tournament and all teams interested should contact the Welfare and Recreation Office. Five members are necessary for a team and there should be two or three alternates.

## Basketball Players Needed Now

Athletic Director Joe Reginato announced last Wednesday that practice sessions are now being held for the station basketball team. Practice was temporarily halted earlier when several members of the team were transferred, but a new group is being formed. So far, four players have shown up for the team. They are G. E. Papadakis, W. H. Vandiver, R. I. Weaver, and C. A. Johnson. All of these men are above average height which pleases the coach very much, and all are showing up well in preliminary work-outs. There is still a need for several more players; so if you are capable and interested contact Coach Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation Office in the very near future.

"I hear Jim's studying to be a magician."  
"Yeah, he was doing pretty well until he went to the hospital."  
"What's he doing in the hospital?"  
"He lost control of his car and turned into a tree."

Shy young man: "Your daughter promised to marry me if I ask you first."

Father: "If you had asked me first, I could have told you that would happen."

Reporter: "Have your childhood hopes been realized?"

Baldheaded Millionaire: "Yes. When my mother combed my hair, I wished that I didn't have any."

# Oak Knoll Wallops TI

## Take Easy Win 46-18

The local six-man football team rambled through a wild-scoring game Thursday, 5 October, by walloping the Treasure Island Pirates 46-18.

The game was never in doubt as the local boys scored without relinquishing the ball the very first time they got their hands on it. The first tally was made when C. A. Johnson, the galloping ghost, scored on a wide sweep to the right. He also scored the second TD when he made a spectacular interception of a TI pass on his own 20-yard line and made a splendid broken-field run for the goal without a member of the opposition touching him.

The third touchdown was made on a pass from Johnson to Bob Irvine on a nicely executed fake reverse play. Irvine made a great catch in the end zone with TI men surrounding him. Johnson came back for another score by intercepting another pass and making the run from his 30-yard line. Here, TI took over and scored on a series of running plays. The last TD of the first half came when Bob Worsham killed the ball in the enemy's end zone after they failed to touch the ball. Half time score was 25-6.

In the second half both teams went to work in earnest with TI carrying for another touchdown. Then with Worsham calling the signals, Oak Knoll mixed passes, single reverses, and pitchouts for two more quick touchdowns. Both were on passes by Worsham, one to Johnson, and the other to Irvine.

During the latter part of the game Coach Reginato gave Johnson a chance to play the halfback spot with Folleta filling in at fullback. Johnson tried several mixed plays and then sent Foletta smashing between end and center to go all the way.

Other outstanding players were Papadakis, who continually stopped all plays coming his way, and Astrada who played center until the very last minutes without a rest. Fred Allen, who normally is one of the best pass receivers, had a bad day as he dropped two that could have set up touchdowns.

For Treasure Island, it was a bad day afield as they had difficulty most of the time making their plays click. Interceptions and a well-balanced line against them kept their score down. It was a good game throughout despite the score and both teams showed plenty of promise.

## New Red Cross Workers Added to Staff

New workers have recently been added to the Red Cross staff. Recreation workers are Dathymarie Faulkner, graduate of Bethany Peniel, Bethany, Oklahoma; and Ruth Lubbe, graduate of the University of Washington. Assisting part-time in the recreation program is Janet Reese, here on placement training from the University of California.

Social workers new to the staff are Eleanor Kovec, University of Illinois; and Henrietta Wilhelm, who comes here from Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver; and Kathleen Magee of Oakland. Miss Kovec and Miss Wilhelm have both served overseas. This is Miss Magee's second tour of duty at Oak Knoll. She was first here in 1943.

## Welfare Takes Win Number Three

The Oak Knoll six-man touch football league kept going in high gear last week as three games were played and one decided by a forfeit. In games played, Welfare defeated Galley Crew 25-7; Dental overran Pharmacy 32-12, and Pharmacy came back to win over Galley Crew 13-7.

Welfare continued their winning streak to three games in a row by winning over the Galley Crew, but they had to come from behind to do it. Galley started out with a rush and completely outplayed the Welfare men during the first half of the game. Taking over early in the game they racked up a quick touchdown after driving all the way on short passes and runs. The conversion was made on a short pass.

Welfare came back in the latter part of the first half and scored on a pass from Joe Reginato to C. A. Johnson. They failed to convert however and the score at halftime was 7-6 in favor of the Galley Crew.

In the last half of the game, C. A. Johnson took over as usual and scored three touchdowns in a short time. One conversion was completed. Galley came close to scoring several times but were stopped close to the goal.

Dental and Pharmacy had a rugged game with the outcome being in doubt until the last half. Then Hoffman's boys took over and proceeded to rack up scores. Half time score was 18-6 in Dental's favor.

Dental also received credit for a forfeit win when Administration failed to show up for their game last Monday afternoon.

The best game of the week, however, was played last Tuesday afternoon when Galley Crew and Pharmacy had a battle royal which was not decided until the last few minutes of play. Final score was 13-7 in favor of Pharmacy. Both teams were at their best on defense and neither team had much opportunity to get close to the goal line. Halftime score remained that way, 7-0 in favor of Pharmacy. In the last half both teams managed to score, with Galley scoring first, and for a time it looked as if it might end in the first tie game of the season. In the waning minutes of play however, Pharmacy came back for the last TD of the game to emerge the victor.

One interesting sidelight of last week's play was a practice game between Welfare and the Commandos. Playing inspired ball, the Commandos won the game 20-7 and were going strong at the end of play. Welfare will have to go some to beat them when they meet in regular league play later on in the season. This game could decide the winner of the league.

Mrs. LaVone Nath of San Lorenzo has joined the crew, topside, Community Service Building, as a book-keeper.



15 October  
I'LL GET BY—Bill Lundigan, June Haver, Gloria DeHaven, Dennis Day. A light lifting and altogether agreeable technical musical. Story of a musical traveling group who make several songs famous during their travels. Story opens in New York in 1939, moves to Hollywood in 1941, and ends in a Marine installation somewhere overseas on the day when Germany announces its decision to surrender. Many famous musical personalities introduced. Given a reviewer's rating of excellent.

16 October  
GOOD SAM—Gary Cooper, Rita Hayworth. This picture is a box office champion making a return appearance. Has a very good rating from reviewers.

17 October  
WOMAN ON THE RUN—Ann Sheridan, Dennis O'Keefe. A new release with very little information as yet. Given a good rating by reviewers.

18 October  
RAIDERS OF TOMAHAWK CREEK—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette. Charles Starrett plays the part of the Durango Kid who in working hours is the new Indian agent. He is involved in a border dispute and a murder follows. His enemies frame him for the murder and he is jailed. He finally escapes, rescues Smiley, and captures the entire gang. A new picture with a rating of very good.

19 October  
THE TEXAN MEETS CALAMITY JANE—Evelyn Ankers, Jimmy Ellison. Very little information available. Given a good rating.

20 October  
EYE WITNESS—Robert Montgomery, Leslie Banks. A new British film with a rating of excellent by reviewers.

21 October  
NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER—Esther Williams, Red Skelton. Very little need be said with these two stars appearing. Esther Williams is good in her part as a bathing suit model with Red Skelton appearing as an ardent admirer. Rated very good.

Little Boy: "May I have a dime for a comic book, daddy?"

Daddy: "I'll think about it."

Little Boy: "Thanks daddy. I'll take the dime now. That'll give you more time to think about it quietly."

Mother: "Well, dear, how did you do in school today?"

Little Girl, excitedly: "Oh, mother, I was real good, so the teacher gave me a 'horrible' mention."

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LCDR E. L. Wade, CHC, USN

## New Protestant Chaplain On Board

LCDR Edwin L. Wade, CHC, USN, reported aboard on 12 October and is now on duty as Protestant Chaplain, a post for which he is qualified by seventeen years' experience in service and civilian life.

The new chaplain, a native of Houston, Texas, holds an A.B. degree from UCLA and a Th.B. from Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Albany, N. Y., and held a number of pastorates in various parts of the United States until commissioned in the reserves in 1941.

Navy assignments for Chaplain Wade have taken him to NTS, Norfolk, Section Base and Armed Guard School, Little Creek, Virginia; 26th USNCB group on Guadalcanal, USNH, Memphis, to the USS CONSOLATION, the USS HENRICO and the USNS GEN. WM. O. DARBY.

During his nine years in the Navy (he transferred to USN in July 1945) Chaplain Wade has spent much of his time in the Pacific area and while aboard the CONSOLATION he helped to evacuate the first allied prisoners from Wakayama, Japan.

Chaplain and Mrs. Wade live at 8904 MacArthur Boulevard. They have two daughters, Sharon, 17, and Adele, 5; and two sons, Uel, 12, and Dennis, 3.

## Tickets For Forty Patients To UC Game

The Welfare and Recreation staff has announced they have tickets on hand for forty patients to attend the St. Mary's vs. U. C. football game. This game is to be played in Cal Stadium, 28 October, and transportation will be furnished both ways. All persons interested should contact the Welfare and Recreation office before 1200, Wednesday, 25 October.

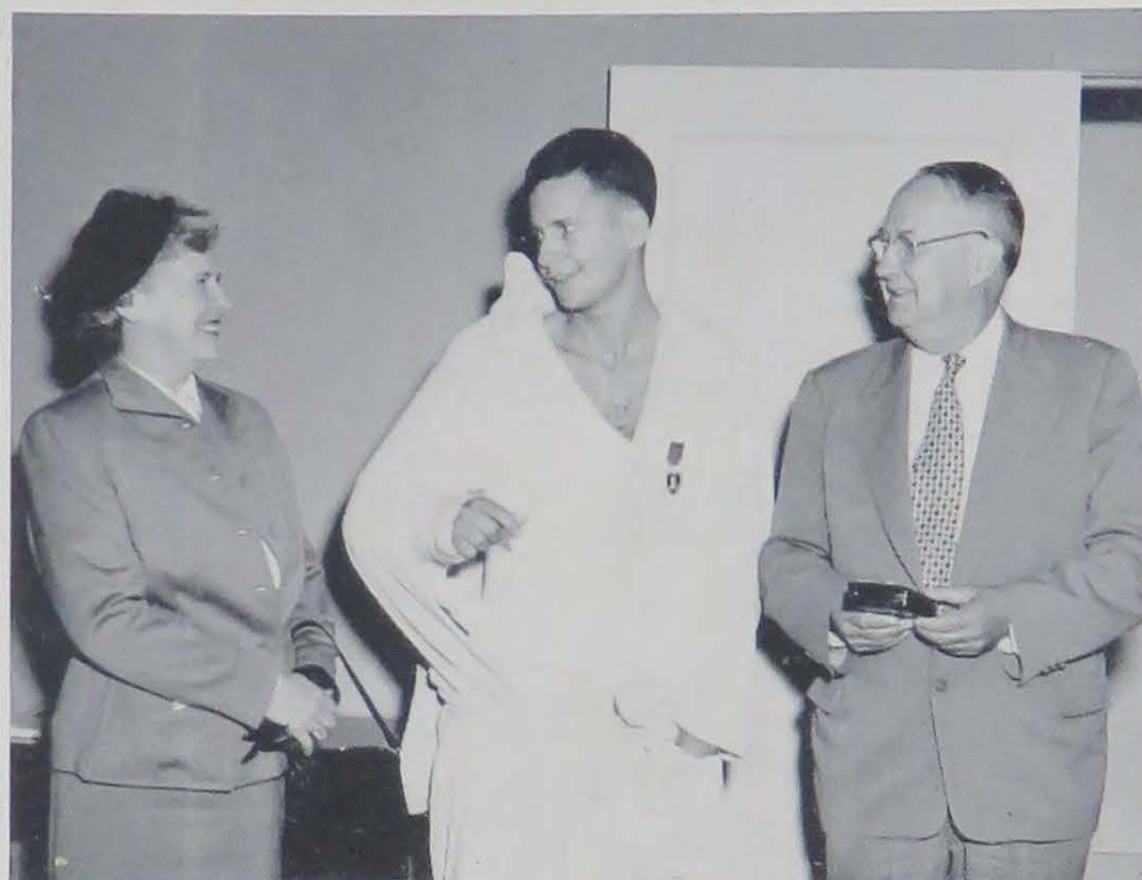
## Psychiatric Service Nears Completion

Buildings 52 to 56, renovated to house the Navy's Neuropsychiatric Diagnostic and Treatment Center of the West Coast, are very nearly completed, and CDR E. L. Hammond, MC, USN, Chief of the Service, his patients and staff are moving up the hill from temporary quarters which they have occupied since 7 March.

The attractively decorated new quarters for psychiatric patients have fireproofed interiors, the latest innovations in lighting, plumbing, and screening, and two of them have circulating air conditioning. The service includes SOQ and female sections, an admission ward, a treatment ward, and two post-treatment wards. Four outdoor recreation areas have been provided and a large indoor occupational therapy ward will soon be added to the service.

When the Navy's Psychiatric unit at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital at Fort Worth, Texas, was closed, the Navy moved its Neuropsychiatric Center to U. S. Naval Hospital at Houston, Texas, for a time. Then the Bureau established two centers, one for the East Coast at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and one for the West Coast at Mare Island. With the closing of Mare Island last March, the Psychiatric Center was moved to Oak Knoll. Here psychiatric cases from all West Coast Hospitals and Gulf Coast hospitals and those evacuated from the Pacific areas are treated, as are all female psychiatric patients in the Navy.

Have you given enough through your Community Chest?



Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, presented the Purple Heart to LTJG F. T. H'Doubler, Jr., MC, USNR, last Saturday. Keenly interested spectators at the ceremony were his parents Dr. and Mrs. F. T. H'Doubler, Sr., of Springfield, Missouri.

## Navy Doctor Receives Purple Heart; Tells News of Former Staff Members

When LTJG F. T. H'Doubler, Jr., MC, USNR, was admitted to the hospital on 10 October, he brought with him a badly fractured right upper arm. And he brought news of three former staff officers now on duty overseas.

"Dr. LeRoy Friend made this cast I have on," the doctor said, patting his plaster of paris chest and displaying on his plaster of paris arm a vivid outline of the bone, shattered by shell fragments. "That was in Yokosuka, Japan, at the Navy Hospital, and before I was evacuated from Korea, Dr.

Streit and Dr. Holloway treated my wounds and applied my first cast," he said.

In Korea for 48 days with the 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, the doctor was caring for a man wounded by mortar fragments, when more mortar "got" him. The troops had just entered Seoul, and the doctor was working only a mile away from the capital city when he was hit.

The young doctor, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, had been in practice with his

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Seven staff men recently completed six months of instruction to qualify as Operating Room Technicians. Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, was responsible for their training, which included preparation and sterilizing of supplies, care of sutures, and learning the names of various instruments, how to care for them and which ones to select for specific cases. The six OR graduates pictured here with Captain Dickinson and LT M. E. Young, NC, USN, are, left to right: R. H. Brown, HN, J. R. Nowak, HN, J. A. Poole, HN, J. H. Pero, HN, R. K. Lane, HN, and R. Rodriguez, HN. J. L. Reynolds, HN, was on the sick list and unable to have his picture taken.



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## Commonwealth Club Of California Gives Books To Station Library

THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CALIFORNIA has presented the Crew's Library with a gift of excellent books on California and other subjects. Among them are:

THE TOWN WITH THE FUNNY NAME, a volume of sketches about the life of the author, Ma Miller, around the California coastal town of La Jolla.

WAYFARING STRANGER, an autobiography of the folk-ballad singer, Burl Ives.

MOSTLY CALIFORNIA, by Don Blanding. A colorful presentation by drawing and by verse of California, the land of gold; the Padres and the 49'ers, the mountains, deserts, red-woods, etc.

THE SMILE AT THE FOOT OF THE LADDER, by Henry Miller. The story of a clown who depicted ecstasy sitting at the foot of the ladder.

HEIRS APPARENT, the lives of

the Vice Presidents of the U. S. from John Adams to Harry Truman.

NEW SONG IN A STRANGE LAND, author Esther Warner's sojourn among the natives on a rubber plantation in Liberia.

A GODDESS TO A GOD, the witty, passionate and poetic letters exchanged by Julius Caesar and Cleopatra during the time between Caesar's occupation of Egypt and his death.

WESTWARD THE DREAM by Frances Marion. John Markham and his wife, Melody, came to unsettled California of 1870-1910 and founded a ranching empire.

CALIFORNIA JUBILEE, a collection of Californiana by author Ainsworth who believes "Hollywood is not California."

All of the above are available at the Hospital Library. Be sure to have a look at them when you are browsing through the shelves this week.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

A Chinese parable tells of a man with seven pieces of silver who was accosted by a beggar. He gave the beggar one of his coins and went on his way. The ungrateful beggar, however, turned on his benefactor, beat him up, and robbed him of the remaining six coins.

Our sense of justice is enraged at the thought of the beggar's ingratitude and conduct. Yet, God gives us seven days in every week and only requires us to observe one of them as a special day of rest and worship. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8) is the Fourth of the Ten Commandments.

Are you like the Chinese beggar? Do you not recognize that all the good things you enjoy every day are gifts of God? And that the greatest gift of all was His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour from sin? "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Of course, a gift must be personally received if any benefit is to be gained from it. Likewise, gratitude, love, obedience, faith, worship, and service must be personally rendered if it is sincere and genuine.

So, with your relationship to God—it must be a personal thing, and if you really love God, you will want to do it personally, and often. Even the Sabbath, coming only every seventh day, does not seem often enough for the soul truly united to Christ by faith to hold communion with his Beloved.

Daily reading of God's Holy Word, unceasing prayer, and certainly, regular and faithful attendance at the services of worship, are the very minimum expressions of gratitude and love to Christ. After all, Christ Himself said, "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants." (Luke 17:10).

—E. L. WADE, Protestant Chaplain.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 135.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 135.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**



Kathe Koschuda, graduate nurse, social worker, member of the Board of Governors of the Bavarian National Red Cross at Munich and Director of all women's activities for the Bavarian Red Cross, spent one day last week at Oak Knoll and declared it to be the most meaningful day of her four months in the United States. One of two workers sent from the General Headquarters of International Red Cross on a six months' fellowship, she has been in this country for four months and will shortly leave for Canada. Here she talked with CDR Rosalia Jorgenson, Senior Nurse Corps Officer, and Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director, and saw some of the many activities provided for patients. When asked what differences there are between the Red Cross in Munich and in this country, Miss Koschuda answered in better modulated English than is usually heard here, "The organization and management of Red Cross in Germany is different, but the philosophy of Red Cross is the same everywhere."

## Red Cross Ramblings

**MAGIC CIRCLE:** Friday, October 13th, 11 patients attended the Magic Circle Show, sponsored by the Lions Club of Oakland, in the Oakland Civic Auditorium. Six of the men participated in the show. Emcee Jimmie Murr asked them to come on stage, grouped them in a circle, and presented each with a felt hat. Much merriment was created when they passed the hats to the one next to them at a rapid pace.

\*\*\* Highlight of the evening was the disappearance of a table model radio.

**NO SOAP OPERA:** When Pfc. Benjamin Altieri 79-A, announces he is on his way to the opera, it's the real thing he's talking about. His mother, Stella Roman, is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York and his father has seen some action with them, too. So, Altieri frequents the San Francisco Association productions and chats casually with many acquaintances of the family. Of course, he sings too. But not the famous arias—he prefers popular lyrics and aspires to do some professional singing with a band.

**TROPICANA FANS:** Another off-compound trip this week was extended to twelve patients who attended a concert at the new Berkeley Community Theater on Tuesday evening, 17 October. The spectacular dance program, billed as "Tropicana," is the only Bay Area performance of Talley Beatty and his New York company and truly one of the hits of the season.

**PARDON, MADEMOISELLES!** Part of the "finishing school" curriculum over on the ladies' ward, 40-B, is a newly organized French class taught by Mrs. Alice Lingert, who comes on Mondays and Thursdays through Entertainment and Instruction Services of Oakland Red Cross Chapter. Both nurses and patients are taking advantage of this opportunity.

## Sportsmen's Show Here Monday, 23 October

District Council Number 3 of the Associated Sportsmen's Club, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. E. Wilson, plans an outstanding program for Monday night in the Red Cross Lounge. Dick Bartell, coach for the Detroit Tigers and former star shortstop for the New York Giants, will be the guest speaker. Added attractions will be a sports crafts art demonstrating the making of hunting knives, and Jim Bush of Alameda famous builder of fishing tackle, who will bring along a complete display of fishing gear.

Cooperating in this program are the Castro Valley Rod and Gun Club, Ray Bartelson, chairman; the Alameda Rod and Gun Club, Fred Schmalenberger, chairman, and the San Leandro Sportsmen, William Fenion, chairman.

## MSTS Ends First Year Of Operation

Washington (AFPS) — The Military Sea Transportation Service, which completed its first year of operation 1 October transported more than 1,500,000 tons of cargo and 20,000 passengers to the Far-East in two months peak period of Korean hostilities.

MSTS was established as a unification measure, and made sole agent responsible for ocean transportation for the Armed Forces.



## Who's Who . . .

Harvey R. Poulson, HM2, who works in the Record Office, had just had time to find out a little about civilian life when he was re-called to active duty as a member of the Naval Reserve. Discharged in February this year after duty in Guam, he went directly into the reserve in Salt Lake City. He was called back to active duty in July and reported to Oak

Knoll 10 August.

Poulson was born in Richfield, Utah, and attended school there. After his discharge from the service, he made his home in Salt Lake City where he worked as a freight transit clerk and attended business college. Since coming to Oak Knoll, he and his wife, Lorraine, have made their home in Oakland.

Harvey likes photography as a hobby but for favorite recreational activities enjoys bowling, tennis, and baseball. He also enjoys driving around in the convertible he recently acquired.

One of the many members of the staff here who hail from New York state, is Robert C. Lent, HM2, who works in the Chaplain's Office. He arrived here 1 September this year from Brooklyn Receiving Station after being re-called to active duty.

Lent, who was born in Binghamton, N. Y., formerly enlisted in the Navy in 1943. He says that during that period of active duty, he spent 26 months with the best outfit in the world, 1st Marine Division. After discharge, he made his home in Binghamton, where his wife, Celia, and three sons, David, Arthur, and Eugene, live at present.

His hobby is photography, and he likes to go bowling and dancing. Before coming into service this time, he worked for the Veteran's Administration.

If you have been in Jersey City, N. J., recently you may have received a ticket for traffic violation from Francis J. Cahill, HM2. Before coming back on active duty in the Navy, he worked as a patrolman for the police department in that city. He says there is some difference in his work there and his present job in the Record Office.

Cahill came to Oak Knoll from the Brooklyn Receiving Station 3 September this year, as a member of the Naval Reserve. He first enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and then enlisted in the reserve unit in Jersey City May this year. His wife, Catherine, and two sons, Frank, age four, and James, age nine months, still live in that fair city.



Eleven Oak Knoll office workers recently completed the hospital's first class in clerical procedures. Instruction, given by Miss Maxine Ashley of the Civilian Personnel Office, included the writing of official Navy letters, memoranda, endorsements, and general training in business letter writing. These subjects, covered in five sessions, will be repeated at intervals so that all who handle correspondence for the hospital will have an opportunity to brush up on letter-writing forms. In the first group of graduates were, front row, Mary Sakata, Anna P. Stone, Beverly Klein, Miss Ashley, and Marjorie Green; back row, Marlene Alford, Millie Hoff, Marjorie Cannell, LaVerne Paulson, Jean Palmer, Florence Harris, and Mildred Kenney.

## Welcome and Farewell

Thirty-three persons were received and twenty detached during the week of 11 to 18 October. Detached were LT's Mary R. Reilly and Teresa M. Griffin, LTJG's Barbara L. Cosden, Audrey E. Ohler, Edith C. Pugh, Mary M. Raverty, Anna R. Scoggins, and Elizabeth A. Stadmille, and ENS Ione E. Hodges to USNH, Mare Island; LTJG's Lillian E. Raines, Ellen Booz, Anna L. Callahan, Hjordia E. Molvig, Dorothy F. Parkhill, and Lois C. Robinson, to USS HAVEN; LTJG Alma E. Arney, to Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; and CHPCLK H. J. Francisco, to Commander, Naval Forces Far East; R. S. Dearney, HM1; J. B. Wright, HM1; R. L. Grey, HM1, to RecSta, S. F.

Received aboard were Captain B. N. Ahl, from USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; CDR R. S. Poos, from USNH, San Diego; LCDR Edwin L. Wade, from MSTs, Pacific, San Francisco; LTJG R. E. Mitchel, from NAS, Kwajalein, M. I.; LTJG's E. S. Turrell and L. E. Hollister, from civilian life; ENS Etella M. Lambros, from University Hospitals of Cleveland; LT Rita D. Clarke, from University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. The following nurses reported aboard from civilian life: LTJG's Vivian M. Rasmussen, Dorothy E. Read, Sarah J. Griffin, Audrey Rasmussen, Marilyn F. Lambrecht, and Patricia L. Welch, and ENS Rose E. McCluskey; R. E. Ryan, HM3, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. C. Stanfill, HM3, and R. L. Atkins, HN, from USNH, Corpus Christi, Texas; and HM1's F. C. Galloway, A. E. Cato, B. Tunley, W. Escalleri, HM2's F. V. McGrath, F. E. Ebberts, W. H. Bennett, and R. A. Bridge, HM3's F. F. Stazer, F. C. Adams, M. L. Crouse, and T. R. Moore, and HN's R. Burbridge, and L. M. Hedge, from Receiving Station, San Francisco.

Have you given enough through your Community Chest?

Minds, like parachutes, function best when open.

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Little Ronnie Halcomb seems to bring out the protective mother instinct in WAVES Basnett and Rush. They seldom let him out of their sight. Lucky boy!! — Harvey Poulson is in a very happy frame of mind these days; he has an apartment, his B.W. is here from Salt Lake City, and he has a new convertible — Lou Freeze, San Diego, and Isabella, are a trio I'd like to know more about — "Sheriffs" Chambless and Shipp, all decked out in civvies, are in and out of Oakland very frequently now. What's the attraction? — Bill West is going in for early Americana. His latest is an Indian. — The most faithful husbands away-from-home are Ken Schwartz and Art Heckart. Every night you'll find them at the barracks writing long, long letters to the Mrs. — Carlin Simmons has a rare complaint. His girl wants to see him every day. He says he'd like to stay home and catch up on his reading. Please, who is he trying to kid! (Anyway, it should happen to me) — Bob Holbrook, Joe O'Banion and Johnny Huff all began the O. R. course last Monday. Holbrook and O'Banion made third class just in time, but Huff will have to wait six months now. There's no hurry, Huff is a twenty-year man — Al Avellar and Elsa Maxwell should get together. He attends as many mad parties as she does — Bill Johnson goes to Reno for a novel reason: duck hunting — Stan Croy has a blissful smile these days. He's going back into the inactive Naval Reserve. Who does he know?

### Dr. Receives Purple Heart

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father, Dr. F. T. H'Doubler, Sr., at their hometown of Springfield, Missouri, for six months before he was called to active duty in the Naval Reserve.

Last Saturday before his parents left for home after visiting their wounded son, they saw him receive from the Commanding Officer the Purple Heart award "for wounds received in action against the enemy."

## PREVIEWS

Sunday, 22 October

TRIPOLI—Maureen O'Hara, John Payne. This is a new Paramount color picture with very little information available. Since it is not for public review until November, no rating has been received as yet.

Monday, 23 October

WHIRLPOOL—Gene Tierney, Jose Ferrer, Richard Conte. Gene Tierney plays the part of the wife of a talented doctor, Richard Conte. Suffering from periods of kleptomania, she becomes a victim of Jose Ferrer, who causes her to become involved in a murder while under his hypnotic powers. She is jailed and her husband has to come to the rescue. Rated very good by all reviewers.

Tuesday, 24 October

HARRIET CRAIG—Joan Crawford, Wendell Corey. A very good drama in which Miss Crawford plays the part of Harriet Craig, a beautiful but selfish woman who tries to manage and control all within her sphere. This includes her husband, Wendell Corey, and her cousin Clare, K. T. Stevens. She secretly ruins her husband's chance for a promotion because he will be away from her influence. She also prevents the love affair between Clare and her husband's friend. All goes well in her scheme until Corey discovers her true character, and her whole world collapses as she is left all alone. A new release with no rating available.

Wednesday, 25 October

THE BLAZING SUN—Gene Autry, Ann Gwyne. Gene Autry, a bank investigator, trails some bank robbers into Los Robles, but gives up his chase to aid a doctor and his assistant, Helen, save the life of a dying man. When Gene gets to town he discovers his old pal Mike, Pat Buttram, who promises to help him track down the thieves. A girl, posing as one of the killer's wives, helps Gene capture the villains. Gene realizes he is in love with this girl, so all ends well romantically. No rating available but should be a good western.

Thursday, 26 October

THE LODGERS—Laird Cregar, Merle O'Sborn. No information is given as to plot but has a rating of good from all reviewers. Lead parts are well done.

Friday, 27 October

THE MINIVER STORY—Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon. Mrs. Miniver, Greer Garson, told that she has a short time to live, welcomes her husband home after V-E day, but keeps the news from him. She faces the problem of her family leaving her when her husband, Walter Pidgeon, wants to leave England for an important post in Brazil and her daughter Judy, Cathy O'Donnell, falls in love with a married officer. However, Mr. Miniver decides to stay in England, and Judy is convinced that she should give up her infatuation. Later, Mrs. Miniver tells her family of her illness and they spend the short span of her life together. Rated a good drama.

Saturday, 28 October

DANCING IN THE DARK—Mark Stevens, William Powell. A 20th Century Fox production based on the song by the same name. Received wide acclaim and has a rating of very good.



# Commandos Take Win Number Three

Only two touch football games were played during the past week but both games had a bearing on current league standings. In games played, the Commandos continued their winning streak to three games in a row as they defeated Dental by the convincing score of 45-6, while Galley Crew downed the Starboard Watch, 23-2.

The Commandos have proven themselves to be the surprise package of the current tournament as they continue to mow down the opposition. C. F. Young, diminutive captain and quarterback, continued to be the sparkplug in their offense as he called the signals and heaved passes all afternoon. Dental had difficulty stopping line plays and were faked out of position several times. While rolling up big gains on the ground, the Commandos were not averse to using passes to complete their goal marches. Dental's lone touchdown came as a result of a long pass in the last half of the game.

Galley Crew, while getting a belated start in league play, had the advantage of experience on their side as they defeated Starboard Watch. This was the first game of the tournament for the Starboard men and they were unable to cope with the line plays used by the Galley men. Starboard took over in the tournament in place of Administration, who dropped out. Galley had complete control of the game throughout using mostly running plays to bring about their first win. Starboard scored their two points as a result of a safety.

It is still too early to predict a winner for the tournament but the game to watch will be between the Commandos and Welfare. Both are sporting perfect records so far and have had little difficulty in winning. However, in a practice game between the two teams, the Commandos were able to eke out a win. This game might well decide the tournament.



Jack Nickol, famous one-arm professional golfer, came to Oak Knoll Thursday, 12 October, for an exhibition. Donating his services, he gave a convincing show, proving what is possible with practice. With an interested group looking on, he placed shots with uncanny accuracy, using every club in the bag.



First round play in the Oak Knoll practice bowling tournament was completed Thursday evening, 12 October, as the four teams making up the National league met for the first time.

In first round play, Nurses No. 1 defeated Chiefs No. 3 and Lab Port Watch won from Nurses No. 2. With the aid of a 92-pin handicap, Nurses No. 1 were able to win 4-0. However, without the handicap it would have been a different story as it provided the winning margin. High man in this match was M/Sgt Dyle with a three-game total of 430.

Despite the handicap given Nurses No. 2, the Lab team had an easier time of it as they took the match 3-1, winning two games out of three and taking total points. The Nurses were given a 128-point handicap in this match.

High game for the evening was bowled by Robinson of Lab with 199, while teammate Stupey was high for three games with 471.

## Telegraph Service In Exchange Office

Western Union telegraph service has now been installed in the Navy Exchange Office.

Messages and money orders may be sent or received at this office during the hours 0830 to 1630 Monday through Friday. Messages received after office hours during the week or on Saturday and Sunday will be phoned to the Officer of the Day.

## SF Marines Upset Oak Knoll 18-12

The Oak Knoll touch football team lost their first game of the season Thursday, 12 October, to the San Francisco Marines by the score of 18-12. Seemingly unimpressed by the record of the local medics, the gyrenes played well throughout a very hard-fought game and gained an upset victory.

The game was a battle from beginning to end. The Knollites took the lead in the first half when C. F. Young took a Marine punt and ran it back fifty yards for the first touchdown of the day.

The Marines came back fast in the second half and scored their first touchdown by carrying the ball all the way on passes and running plays. Taking the ball on their own 18-yard line, they went all the way to the goal line without losing possession. The corpsmen were unable to score when they got the ball and lost it on downs. Taking the ball at midfield, the Marines again reached paydirt on a long pass into the end zone, giving them a 12-6 lead.

Coach Reginato's boys came back with a rushing attack all their own, and with good line play managed to work the ball to midfield. Then Bob Worsham pitched a forty-five-yard pass to J. R. Allen, who grabbed it in the end zone to again tie up the game.

With one minute and ten seconds to go the Marines again tossed a long pass for the last touchdown of the game, giving them the winning margin. The Knollites were unable to move downfield fast enough to score again.

Although sorry to see his boys defeated, Athletic Director Joe Reginato said the game was one of the best he has seen this season. Combining an alert defensive team with a smooth-running ground attack, the Marines showed why they stand in second place in the league. C. A. Johnson, who is usually a thorn in the side of the opposition, could not get away for the long distance runs he is noted for. It seemed impossible to fake the Marines out of position. There was a noticeable weakness of both teams, however, as no conversions were made out of five tries, but this can be expected to a certain extent in touch football, as all conversions must be made either on a run or by passing.

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Commandos	3	0	1.000
Welfare	3	0	1.000
Dental	2	2	.500
Galley Crew	1	2	.333
Pharmacy	1	3	.250
Starboard Watch	0	1	.000

Husband: "You called me your idol before we were married."

Wife: "Yeah, and you've been idle ever since."

Lost — Umbrella, belonging to a young lady with a bone handle and broken rib.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

- 9 October  
SEE, Gloria Jill, to wife of William ASK3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
SEE, Jack Martin, to wife of William ASK3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
HOOKS, Elizabeth Anne, to wife of Eric Hooks, LTJG, 4 pounds 8 ounces.  
DONAHUE, Sally Bernice, to wife Richard Donahue, LCDR, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
CLOSSON, David Holt, to wife of Closson, CPL, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
MORGAN, Bruce Mitchener, to wife Edward Morgan, LTJG, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.  
CRESSWELL, Michael Charles, to wife of Charles Cresswell, 2nd Lt, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
SMITH, Female, to wife of Desse Smith/M/Sgt, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
- 10 October  
HEDARIA, Baby Boy, to wife of Ned Hedia, TN, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
QUINLIN, Baby Girl, to wife of O'Neil Quinlin, LT, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.  
CATASCA, Sandra Jean, to wife of Vincent Catasca, ADC, 7 pounds 13 ounces.  
TABER, Timothy Neal, to wife of E. Taber, CS3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
COOLEY, Sarah Grace, to wife of James Cooley, SKC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
FOLEY, Colleen, to wife of Michael Foley, AT1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
- 11 October  
MELANSON, Michael Charles, to wife Alvin Melanson, BM1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
HEWETT, Barbara Jean, to wife of Henry Hewett, AMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
PATET, Arthur Carl, to wife of R. Patet, SN, 8 pounds.  
KENDRICK, Alta Pearl, to wife of M. Kendrick, SA, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.  
HARRELL, Janice Lee, to wife of Robert Harrell, HMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
SANDBERG, Michael Richard, to wife Richard Sandberg, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
- 12 October  
GALYAN, Shirley Ann, to wife of Wallace Galyan, AL3, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.  
FOOS, Mary Louise, to wife of Max F. SK1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
KOELLER, Randall Bruce, to wife Edward Koeller, AD2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.  
DOMNICK, Theodore Eugene, to wife David Domnick, Sgt, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.  
MORRISON, Pamela Denise, to wife Richard Morrison, AK2, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
MITCHELL, Mary Helen, Jr., to wife Arthur Mitchell, SD1, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.  
TURNER, Teresa Lynn, to wife of C. Turner, AD2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
BERRY, Thomas Harding, to wife of Homer Berry, HMC, 8 pounds 10 ounces.  
KALISCH, Gary Jay, to wife of C. Kalisch, YN2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.  
WALKINSHAW, Jamme (n), to wife of David Walkinshaw, LCDR, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
- 13 October  
EASTERLING, Deborah Lynn, to wife Eugene Easterling, BM1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
GARAVITO, Peter Wayne, to wife of Faustino Garavito, AD2, 8 pounds.  
BESSAC, Anne Forman, to wife of Norman Bessac, LTJG, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.  
HAMILL, Catherine Patricia, to wife John Hamill, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
STONER, Katherine Sue, to wife of J. Stoner, FN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
HECHT, James Christopher, to wife John Hecht, CT3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
- 14 October  
APODACA, Katherine, to wife of S. Apodaca, SK1, 8 pounds.  
BENAVENTE, Alvin Mae, to wife Jose Benavente, SD1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
ZINTEL, Rance Jan, to wife of R. Zintel, Cpl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.  
HARTMAN, Linda Susan, to wife of William Hartman, BT1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.  
MOSER, Deborah Lynn, to wife of G. Moser, SKSN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
KEATING, Leo Chester, Third, to wife Leo Keating, LTJG, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.
- 15 October  
TROUT, Stephen Richard, to wife Clinton Trout, EM3, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.  
CAPPS, Jan Christine, to wife of R. Capps, SOG2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
GONZALES, Frank James, to wife Joseph Gonzales, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
MILFORD, Baby Boy, to wife of V. Milford, AG1, 3 pounds, 10 ounces.  
McCONNELL, Baby Girl, to wife of V. vid McConnell, HMH2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

## His Kiss Was Shock And The Girl Yelled

Sydney, Australia. (AFPS)—Ronald Wade-Farrell's girl friend "tingled all over" as he kissed her good night at her front door.

So Ronald kissed her again. This time the girl yelled and jumped. Ronald was leaning against a faulty light switch. He had on rubber-soled shoes but the girl wore leather shoes.

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## Oak Knoll Patients Receive Purple Hearts At Letterman

Eleven Marines and 18 Army men now under treatment at Oak Knoll were among the 70 wounded who were decorated in a review at the Presidio of San Francisco on 18 October. The medals were presented by Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, Sixth Army commander, and Brig. Gen. Fred S. Robillard, commander of the Marine Supply Depot, San Francisco.

Wounded Marines who participated in the ceremonies and watched Army, Navy, and Marine Corps personnel pass in review were 2nd LT Donald V. McCloskey, San Bernardino, Calif.; SGT Lyman E. Aikens, Kent, Wash.; CPL Orb D. Little, Pargoule, Ark.; CPL Robert Pagan, New York, N. Y.; CPL Anthony Spino, Detroit, Mich.; PFC William E. Bruce, Springfield, Ill.; PFC Bridshaw Dixon, South Irvington, Tex.; PFC Rudy G. Garcia, San Antonio, Tex.; PFC John H. Hiltzer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; PFC Jacob B. Kozlowski, Buffalo, N. Y.; and PVT Lewis Mazotti, Jr., Denver, Colo.

Army patients decorated were PVT John J. Azure, Belcourt, N. D.; CPL Keith C. Caldwell, Baldwin Park, Calif.; CPL James H. Cohron, Holtville, Calif.; PVT Ted R. Collins, Parma, Ida.; SGT Samuel R. Crumpler, Atlanta, Ga.; PFC Alcus Fedler, San Pedro, Calif.; SGT LeRoy R. Garber, Berkeley, Calif.; S/SGT Bernard C. Hartmen, Venice, Calif.; CPL Chester J. Kerby, Visalia, Calif.; PVT Leonard L. Loman, El Monte, Calif.; CPL Isadore Muniz, La Jara, Colo.; CPL James R. Nichols, Port Angeles, Wash.; M/SGT Ernest F. Peale, Pittsburg, Calif.; PFC Ezra E. Terry, St. George, Utah; SGT James A. Trumble, Snyder, Tex.; SGT Johnny U. Clickner, Fayette, Mo.; CPL Ersel E. Jackson, Detroit, Mich.; M/SGT Calvin W. Patterson, Minepole, Calif.

Others who received the Purple Heart at this ceremony were from Letterman Army Hospital.

## All Staff Invited To NFFE Dance

All locals of the National Federation of Federal Employees are invited to dance at Garden Hall, Alameda, on the evening of December 9. A gala evening is planned, and volunteer talent from members and their friends will make up the "floor show."

## London Cardiologist Speaks to Staff



Dr. George W. Pickering of London spoke to the staff here Tuesday night on the subject, "The Mechanism of Pain in Peptic Ulcers." Dr. Pickering, in this area to speak at the 21st Annual Post-Graduate Symposium on Heart Disease being conducted by the San Francisco Heart Association, is Director of the Medical Clinic at Saint Mary's Hospital, London, and Professor of Medicine at the University of London. He has made extensive original contributions to medical knowledge in the fields of cardiology and vascular diseases. In his Tuesday night discussion, which was a part of the hospital's basic science program for medical officers under instruction, he reported original work confirming the thesis that gastric acid plays a major role in the production of pain from peptic ulcer.

Before the lecture the London doctor was a guest at dinner at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, where the above picture was taken. In the group, left to right, are Dr. William J. Kerr, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, U. C. Medical School; Dr. Pickering, the Commanding Officer, and Dr. Harold Rosenblum, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine, U. C. Doctors Kerr and Rosenblum are both members of Oak Knoll's consulting staff.

## Sanitation School Scheduled to Begin Here, 1 November

Special ceremonies will be held Tuesday to mark the opening of the first course of instruction in Environmental Sanitation Technic at this hospital. The course will open on 1 November, with CDR Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, in charge. The Surgeon General ordered the new school set up under the command of Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, whose specialty is Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and designated CDR Poos as officer in charge under Captain Cook. CDR Poos is a recent graduate of the University of California School of Public Health, and like Captain Cook, a member of the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

Seven instructors have been assigned to the school, and a new rate, EST (Environmental Sanitation Technician) has been established for those who complete the course.

Each class of 20 corpsmen, two nominated through the Bureau by each Naval District, will receive 640 hours of instruction during four months training which will fit graduates for independent duty in the states and at foreign stations. New groups will convene at two-month intervals.

The curriculum will offer instruction in administration and organization. (Continued on page 2)

## They Came; He Went; Now Everyone Will Have a Radio



T. C. Gilliland, District Manager for General Electric Company, and Bobby Lyons, EMCEE for Hale Brothers' and General Electric's Star Time Theater, lunched recently with the Commanding Officer.

And still they come—radios and more radios. The avalanche began last Monday night after Captain Cook made his debut on television at the invitation of Bobby Lyons, charming mistress of ceremonies for Hale Brothers' and General Electric's Star Time Theater.

Wanting to contribute to the pleasure of Korean casualties at this hospital, Miss Lyons and her two sponsors decided to start a "Radios for Oak Knoll" campaign so that every patient might be able to tune in at his bedside. With this idea in mind Miss Lyons invited the Commanding Officer to participate in a Star Time Interview. So earnest was his appeal and so great the generosity of the television audience that in less than 24 hours more than 1100 radios had been offered to the hospital, and at press time Thursday calls were still coming in. In downtown offices in San Francisco and the East Bay collections were taken to buy new radios.

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## 46% Of Chest Goal Collected

Favorable returns are pouring in from all groups in this year's Community Chest drive, with 46% of our goal reached at this point.

At the present time \$469.99 has been collected with more to come. A break-down of this figure shows that Navy personnel have contributed \$313.99, while \$156.00 has been received from civilian members of the staff. Our goal this year is \$1,000 and it is hoped that the total will reach well over that mark by the end of the week.

More than ever, your Red Feather welfare agencies deserve the support you give by donations. In addition to funds for the thirty-six health, welfare, and guidance services that must be continued throughout 1951, forty thousand dollars have been earmarked for welfare and recreational services for an increasing number of men in the armed forces in this area.

The drive will continue for just one more week; so if you have not already given your share, you should do so immediately by contacting the chaplain's office in 40-A.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

How often through the ages each generation has cried despairingly, "O that I knew where I might find Him." And how many roads man has built in such various directions trying to find God. Can we say of our generation that we are any more successful? Can we proudly assert that we are marching confidently on the true highway toward our Lord? How bewildered our age! How confusedly we drift!

Jesus said, "I am the Way. I am the Truth. I am the Light. I am Life. No man can come to his father except by Me." Doesn't this age need a Way? a Light? Aren't we desperately struggling for life? What is needed more than that truth shall be heralded to be heard above propaganda?

Notice that the obligation is not ours to find God. Never in the lonely midnight of the human heart's despair need the cry go up, "O that I knew where I might find Him." For we have been found by Him who made us for Himself. Jesus announced His mission clearly when He said, "I came to seek and to save those who are lost." He has never been lost; the way to Him has never been lost. We are lost.

O that this generation might see Jesus as the Way.

JAMES D. HESTER,  
Protestant Chaplain.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.  
Special Mass, 1000 Wednesday, 1 Nov.

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**

## Sanitation School

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tion, bacteriology and immunology, epidemiology and entomology, vital statistics, and military sanitation. Instruction will be furnished by military personnel of the Armed Forces, with guest lecturers from the University of California, the Public Health Service of the Federal Security Agency, and the Department of Public Health of the State of California.

## Radios and More Radios

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for patients; individuals were sending in large radios for use in the lounges. Instruments of all sizes, shapes, and colors have been received. It is doubtful that patients will be allowed to choose the models they want, but certain it is that every patient who wants a radio will have one, just as soon as LT R. L. Thompson, Welfare Officer, completes his gigantic collection task.



Mrs. Gladis Christiana demonstrates the new kiln recently received for use in the Red Cross Lounge to Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Al Roberts, Jr., and George Wigginton. This kiln, which will accommodate three times as much as the old one, was a gift from the California Elks Association of Veterans' Service Committees of the Bay Area, of which Mr. Wigginton is Chairman. With the new kiln, all patients can get their work fired before it is necessary to leave the hospital.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!** M. L. Otis, known to his 45-B buddies as "Otey," celebrated his birthday 23 October with cake, candles, be-ribboned packages and much fanfare, and Jack Jacquith, 42-A, was surrounded by red roses on his birthday, 17 October.

**SPORTSMEN'S SHOW:** Have you ever heard of a bass fiddle that talks? It sounded like a Walt Disney concoction until last Monday evening one appeared in the Red Cross Lounge. Its owner, by manipulating the bow, made lifelike responses on its strings when he asked questions. Dick Bartel, Detroit Tigers coach and former shortstop for the New York Giants, was guest speaker. Fishing gear was demonstrated and fly tying explained.

**CAMERA CLUB:** Have you seen the Dark Room in building 32? Take pictures . . . lots of pictures; or you will never improve. Photographically speaking, some of the best scenery in the world is unadvertised. Look for it around the hospital, in out-of-the-way spots you visit on liberty. You don't have to have good weather to make interesting pictures. Snapshots taken on days when the sky is clouded or during rainy and foggy days, sometimes have more appeal than the same scenes snapped when the sun is shining. If you are interested in going along on a camera tour soon, tell the Red Cross worker on your ward.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

16 October

GIRARD, George Norman, to wife of Norman Girard, END2, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

WEBSTER, John Duner, to wife of Donald Webster, 1st Sgt, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

TAYLOR, Elbridge Mann III, to wife of Elbridge Taylor, Pfc, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

KRAMER, Marilyn Dee, to wife of Charles Kramer, ADC, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

LAMKIN, Patricia Jean, to wife of Fletcher Lamkin, CDR, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

STRONG, Mary Lou, to wife of Robert Strong, ADC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

TRUPPA, Jerome Michael, to wife of Jerome Truppa, Cpl, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

COLONY, Sally Shepardon, to wife of Henry Colony, CDR, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

HITCHLER, Nathan James, to wife of Richard Hitchler, CSI, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.

MERTZ, Richard Ryerson, to wife of John Mertz, QM1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

17 October

HEIM, Thomas Ray, to wife of Raymond Heim, YN2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

JONES, David Michael, to wife of Edmond Jones, GMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

HESHIZER, George Edward, to wife of Robert Heshizer, ADC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

WALDROP, Robert Duane, to wife of Clyde Waldrop, QMC, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

HICKS, James Charles, to wife of Edward Hicks, HM3, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

DINGWALL, Cynthia Rae, to wife of John Dingwall, Cpl, 6 pounds.

DAKE, Bruce Alan, to wife of Louis Dake, M/Sgt, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

18 October

McALEXANDER, Katherine Anne, to wife of Donald McAlexander, T/Sgt, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

ARNOLD, Boy, to wife of Thomas Arnold, M/Sgt, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

LENZ, James Otto, to wife of James Lenz, SN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

BUNDT, Mathew Allan, to wife of Arnold Bundt, Sgt, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

BURK, Ray Ellwood, to wife of Ray Burk, PH3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

19 October

EVANS, Joseph John, to wife of Harold Evans, LTJG, 6 pounds.

EARLS, Girl, to wife of Charles Earls, SH3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

PLATT, John E., to wife of Robert Platt, SM1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

SCHNEIDER, Peter John Edward, to wife of Leroy Schneider, BT1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

RICHARDS, Boy, to wife of Louis Richards, QMC, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

20 October

BUSH, Loena Lynn, to wife of Raymond Bush, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

HIGGINS, Steven Gale, to wife of William Higgins, SN, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.

LAZURE, Alan Maurice, to wife of Ray Lazure, QMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

21 October

HOPKINS, Kathryn Irene, to wife of Barry Hopkins, LTJG, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

WILBUR, Dana Jeanette, to wife of Alvin Wilbur, SN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

INGRAHAM, Katherine Louise, to wife of Robert Ingraham, M/Sgt, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

22 October

JONES, Arthur Haven, to wife of Paul Jones, EN1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

KASTNER, Fred Aaron, to wife of Paul Kastner, DC1, 8 pounds.

HARDY, Lorene Ruth, to wife of James Hardy, AA, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

HANDLON, Thomas Lee, to wife of Thomas Handlon, TE1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

LOMBARD, Mona Lee, to wife of Paul Lombard, AD2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

DANCY, Carolyn Cameron, to wife of Dan Dancy, LT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

JONES, Robert Clifton, to wife of Paul Jones, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

BOCKUS, David Roy, to wife of Samuel Bockus, PH1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

McVAY, Gene Bruce, to wife of Gene McVay, TESN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

WARE, Mary Kay, to wife of Robert Ware, LTJG, 8 pounds.

STEPHENS, James Harlow, to wife of James Stephens, BTC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.



# Who's Who . . .

A recent arrival at Oak Knoll is Willard D. Bishop, HM1, who came here from Treasure Island 28 September.



He first came into the Navy in 1942 and then was recalled to active duty this year as a member of the reserve. Since his arrival here he has been working in the Staff Personnel Office. If

interested in outgoing drafts, he will be glad to take your name.

Bishop was born in Rigby, Ida., and moved early to Idaho Falls. His home at the present time is in San Jose, where his wife, Pearl, and two children, Kenneth, 5, and Caroline, 7, live.

His hobby, building model ships, proves he has not grown tired of the Navy. Favorite recreational activities are going to the movies and playing shuffleboard.

If you have any troubles that need straightening out, see Manuel J. Garcia, HM2, who works in the chaplain's office. You will find him a very congenial fellow and one well suited for his work.



Garcia, who first enlisted in the Navy back in 1942, came here from the Receiving Station, Treasure Island, 5 October this

year, after being called back to active duty in the reserve. Home originally was Denver, but he has lived for the last few years in San Lorenzo, where he was in the grocery business.

As a civilian, he was a member of the VFW, serving as quartermaster of his post, and also belonged to CWV, where he was first vice commander of his group.

Travel is one of the favorite pastimes for Garcia and is one of his main reasons for liking the Navy. His hobbies are reading, art, and coin collecting.

One of the very latest additions to the staff is Harry "I." Magan, HM3, who works in the Receiving Office. He came to Oak Knoll 20 October from the far-off city of Portsmouth, Va., where he had been attending Hospital Corps School.



Harry, who was born in Los Angeles but now lives in Bakersfield, enlisted in the Navy in Los

Angeles in June, 1948. Although not saying just what his activities were during the past two years, he said he was kept busy all the time. He attended school before coming into the Navy.

Magan has all the characteristics of a good orchestra conductor as his hobbies are music and gymnastics. His favorite recreational pastime is swimming.

# Scuttlebutt

By DERF

Do you think Larry Cohen looks like Zachary Scott? His girl does!—Is it true that Russ Hermanson took the pledge? There's also a rumor that he's an honorary member of the WCTU—Versatility should be Gerry Ford's middle name. Last week he stopped playing with his plaster casts to help out in Staff Detail while J. W. Bennett gave his voice box a rest. This week he's in Educational Services—Chief Shields is off on a 21-day shipping over leave—Joe Sanchez, the Latin Lover, has a little fish calling him her "brown-eyed baby-doll"—John Caudillo is so proud of his new third class rate that he has it stenciled on all his skivvies—When Morton Foster was recalled to active duty in 'Frisco, he sent his B.W. back to Utah thinking he was going overseas. Instead, he was sent to Oak Knoll. Last week he made the trip to Utah to bring back his little woman. Bet she's tired of trains!—Those bags under Freddie Stager's eyes aren't from ward watches. He likes to watch the sunrise on Market Street (he says)—What is it about the St. Francis that lures Thompson and Riley on week ends? The Oak Room?—Harry Skelton should be passing out cigars soon. No, not a baby. He'll soon be a chief—Bob Pickell wanders down Berkeley way when he's off duty and he's not in quest of erudition—Have you seen what happened to Archie McCormick's head? (You can't miss it)—There are almost more degrees among the corpsmen these days than there are HN's on the compound. B.A.'s, M.A.'s, even Ph.D. candidates. We'll soon have our own University-in-Exile.

## First Allowance Checks To Families, 1 Dec.

Washington (AFPS)—Beginning in December, first direct payments will be made to dependents of enlisted Armed Forces personnel in all pay grades eligible to receive the new emergency quarters allowances.

The payments will be for the month of November. They represent the first combined basic quarters allowance (BAQ) and allotment deductions from servicemen's pay.

While BAQ is retroactive to August 1, no allotment deductions are to be made for the months of August, September, and October. However, for those three months BAQ will be paid directly to Service personnel, who in turn are expected to provide for their dependents.

Public Law 771, known as the Dependents Assistance Act of 1950, provides that BAQ must be paid to dependents in addition to an allotment from pay. Under the Career Compensation Act, BAQ had been paid to servicemen directly as part of their monthly pay.

### DeFINE Meanings:

**Acoustics**—What you play pool with.  
**Smelling Salts**—Sailors with B.O.  
**Gross Ignorance**—144 times worse than ordinary ignorance.  
**Wedding Bell**—Bachelor's curfew.  
**Jury**—Twelve men chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.  
**Off Day**—The day after a day off.  
**Quicksilver**—What the Lone Ranger says when he's in a hurry.  
**Naturalist**—A guy who always throws sevens.



Six student doctors from the California Chiropractic College, 1916 Broadway, knocked off from their studies long enough to come to Oak Knoll one day last week to deposit a pint of blood each in the hospital's blood bank. In the group were Peter Chiulos, who is waiting patiently (foreground above) for the blood bank technician to tap his vein; Ray Leffmann, Joseph Homesley, George Tombe, Richard Jerome, former Brooklyn Dodger; and Ed Frothingham, member of this hospital's transportation staff.

## Welcome and Farewell

Forty persons were received aboard and nine transferred during the week of 18 to 25 October. Transferred were Capt. A. C. Hohn, to USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; Lt. Winifred Thomas, to NAS, San Diego; G. J. Huffman, HMC, to USS Nashamena; R. A. Brown, HM3, J. A. Poole, HM3, and N. W. Farnum, HM2, to USNH, Mare Island; J. F. Fisher, HN, O. L. Franks, HA, and T. W. Harrison, HN, to Receiving Station, Treasure Island.

Received were CDR W. A. Butcher, from NNMCMC, Bethesda, Maryland; LTJG Arthur T. Ooghe, from civil life; LTJG Frances Radz and LTJG Anna M. O'Connell, from civil life; ENS Anna J. Lofland and LT Agnes C. Footo, from civil life; LT Anne

M. Weir, LT Rosalind J. Small, and LTJG's Mary C. Harrell, Alice M. Crowell, and Virginia M. Ranney, from civil life; K. M. Stone, DN, from Dental School, San Diego; A. Schenk, from USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; HM2's J. E. Gutlinand, F. A. Ikers; HM3's R. A. Leary, L. Hewett, and D. H. Saly, and J. A. Ferenbach, HN, from Camp Le Jeune, N. C.; H. I. Magan, from Clerical School, Portsmouth, Va.; W. D. Haile, HMC, from Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Va.; H. W. Anera, HMC, from NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; J. V. Allen and M. F. French, HM1's, W. Beerfawn, and C. Connely, HM2's, and HN's F. C. Scott, D. J. Dickson, T. G. Ewing, E. R. Harding, T. J. Laws, J. A. Mock, and R. F. Montgomery, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; R. J. Nichol, HMC, and D. H. McClung, and A. G. McAllistel, HM3's, from HCS, Portsmouth, Va., and E. A. Kletzel, HM1, W. J. McMillen, HM2, and C. O. Dodson, HM3, from Great Lakes, Illinois.



Three happy civilians received checks and congratulations from the Commanding Officer recently for beneficial suggestions they made in connection with their work at the hospital. From left to right, they are: Charles D. Peralta, Public Works, who received \$20.00 in appreciation of his suggestion to secure window shades to screen frames; Ray O. Saunders, Public Works, who received \$25.00 for his suggestion on refinishing arms and legs of furniture; Muriel M. Seward, Civilian Personnel Office, who received \$10.00 for her suggestion to use cardboard temporary gate passes. Mrs. Essie Mullins, who works nights in the Commissary and could not be present, received \$10.00 for her suggestion to install hand basins near serving lines in mess halls for additional cleanliness. The ideas suggested have been adopted by the Beneficial Suggestion Committee and put into effect by the departments in which they work.



# BOWLING

Both leagues completed second-round play last in the current practice bowling tournament.

In the American League, Chiefs No. 1 split 2-2 with Chiefs No. 2, while Lab Starboard Watch out-bowled Welfare and Rec 3-1. Meanwhile in the National League, where handicaps have been a matter of much discussion, Nurses No. 1 split 2-2 with Nurses No. 2, and Chiefs No. 3 drubbed Lab Port Watch 3-1.

High individual series were posted by Croy of Lab Starboard with 503; Lyons, Chiefs No. 3, 499; and Johnson, Welfare, 480.

High games were bowled by Papadakis, Welfare, 177; Braun, Lab Port, 176; and Croy, Lab Starboard, 175.

The practice tournament will come to an end next week and regular tournament play will begin the first week in November. All teams who wish to enter this tournament should notify Athletic Director Joe Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation Office very soon. To sign up for the tournament, a roster of the members of the team should be turned in with the manager's name and phone number given.

There has been considerable discussion during the present tournament about the handicap given in the National League. If you wish to discuss this with the intention of dropping the handicap, please see Joe Reginato at Welfare and Rec. If sentiment remains favorable toward the handicap, it will be used during tournament.

The Department of Commerce estimates that \$404 million was paid out in tips by the American public during 1949.

Crater Lake at Portland, Ore., is six miles long and four miles wide, and is 6000 feet above sea level, but never freezes over.

Every second 205,000 cubic feet of water go over Niagara Falls, with an estimated 4,000,000 horsepower.

## Oak Knoll Upsets Moffet Field

### Move Into First Place Tie With MF

Cashing in on the excellent running of Bob Irvine and C. F. Young, the Oak Knoll touch football team defeated highly touted Moffett Field 53-33 Thursday, 19 October.

In the absence of Coach Reginato, G. E. "Pappy" Papadakis took over in the coaching position and guided his team to a well-played victory.

## POW's Urged To File Benefit Claims

From the War Claims Commission comes the following information of vital interest to all former prisoners of war:

**March 1, 1951, is the deadline for filing claims.** Not all eligible claimants have filed for the \$1-a-day POW allowance or the \$60-a-month internment benefit. Outstanding claims should be filed as soon as possible. The final date for filing, March 1, 1951, cannot be extended by commission action.

**Survivors should file claims.** The commission believes not all survivors of prisoners of war or civilian internees are aware of their rights under the War Claims Act. Widows, dependent husbands, and children of deceased prisoners of war or civilian internees may file survivors' claims. If the deceased prisoner of war left no widow, dependent husband, or children, **parents** should file.

An amendment to the War Claims Act, signed by the President on September 30, 1950, **removes** the requirement that parents must prove dependency in order to be eligible.

In explaining their rights to survivors it is sometimes necessary to make it clear to them that their eligibility is not affected by whether deceased prisoner of war or civilian internee died in prison or since liberation. Further, widows who have married again are still eligible.

**Change of address.** Checks are being returned to the commission by the Post Office marked: "Moved, left no forwarding address." When a claimant moves he should notify the Executive Director, War Claims Commission, Washington 25, D.C., giving his name, old address, new address and claim number, if he has one. The card or letter must be signed by the claimant.

**Record of claims received and processed for payment through September 29, 1950:** Prisoners of war, 15,593; survivors of prisoners of war, 241; civilian internees, 945; survivors of civilian internees, 36; total to date, 16,815—\$10,977,466.54.

Insofar as possible, claims are handled in numerical order according to the date received by the commission without regard to category, such as survivor, civilian, etc.

A lady got on a bus and took the only empty seat, next to a harmless looking drunk. Soon she opened a map of Manchuria and began to study it. The drunk gazed at the map for a while and finally addressed the lady in an interested tone: "Sure you're on the right bus?"

After a couple of drinks the golfer turned to his opponent and said: "Sir, I wish you clearly to understand that I resent your interference with my game. Tilt the green just one more time, and I'll biff you over the head with this putter!"

Scoring the first time they got their hands on the ball, the charges of Papadakis set out to prove it was their day, as S. F. Tamborski took a 25-yard pass from Bob Worsham to culminate a 37-yard drive. Not letting any grass grow under their feet, Oak Knoll came roaring back for another touchdown two minutes later with Irvine plunging through center for the marker. Young converted for the hospital.

Moffett Field came back with a touchdown of their own as Williams took the ball from center and on a brilliant broken-field run proceeded to go all the way. Teal converted for his team.

Irvine scored two more times during the first half, once on a 30-yard pass from Worsham and again on an end sweep. Moffett Field scored again on a ten-yard run by Teal. Half-time score was 26-14, Oak Knoll.

The second half began with a rush as both teams scored within the first four minutes of play. C. A. Johnson scored for the local team and North pushed his way across for Moffett Field. The touchdowns came fast and furious for the next ten minutes as Moffett Field racked up two, while Oak Knoll scored three times.

Williams was the man of the day for Moffett Field as he scored twice for his team and completed one conversion play. His ability to sweep around the end required close watching. He carried the ball for large gains one time after another.

Worsham and Irvine were outstanding for Oak Knoll during the afternoon. Worsham displayed excellent field generalship by mixing passes and running plays to good effect. Irvine was leading scorer for both teams as he racked up a total of five touchdowns and one conversion. Eight passes were completed by Worsham, four for touchdowns.

## Basketball Players Needed Now

Athletic Director Joe Reginato announced last week that practice sessions are now being held each Monday and Wednesday for the station basketball team. Practice was temporarily halted earlier when several members of the team were transferred, but a new group is being formed. So far, seven players have shown up for the team. They are C. A. Johnson, G. E. Papadakis, B. B. Hook, R. A. Bridge, W. H. Vandiver, R. I. Weaver, and F. R. Hoffman. All of these men are above average height, which pleases the coach, and all are showing up well in preliminary workouts. However, there is still a need for more players; so, if you are capable and interested in representing Oak Knoll in the district basketball tournament, contact Coach Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation Office now.

Men who complain that the boss is dumb would probably be out of a job if he were smarter.



F. J. Shields, HMC, USN, receives shipping over pay from John Alden, CHPCCLK, USN, after re-enlisting in the Navy for six more years. Making good use of the money, Chief Shields left the first of the week for 21 days' leave.

## PREVIEWS

**Sunday, 29 October**  
**NO WAY OUT**—Richard Widmark, Linda Darnell. This is tense drama with two top-notch stars appearing. A new release with little information but has a rating of excellent.

**Monday, 30 October**  
**SOUTHERN YANKEE**—Arlene Dahl, Red Skelton. A very good comedy guaranteed to keep the audience laughing throughout. Has a rating of very good from several different reviewers.

**Tuesday, 31 October**  
**MR. MUSIC**—Nancy Olsen, Bing Crosby. This is a new musical by Paramount starring "der Bingle" at his best. Not to be released to the general public until December but rated excellent in previews.

**Wednesday, 1 November**  
**STATE PENITENTIARY**—Warner Baxter, Onslow Stevens. A new melodrama with plenty of excitement. Rated good by reviewers.

**Thursday, 2 November**  
**BUCCANEERS GIRL**—Yvonne de Carlo, Philip Friend. Something different in a technicolor adventure film. Rated very good.

**Friday, 3 November**  
**KING SOLOMON'S MINES**—Deborah Kerr, Stewart Granger. Based on the famous book by H. Rider Haggard, the film is the story of a safari's travels in unexplored regions of the African jungle in search of a man who set out to discover the fabulous diamond mines attributed to King Solomon. The story is well written and well played with several scenes that are unusually good. Received high praise from all reviewers.

**Saturday, 4 November**  
**WHEN WILLIE COMES MARCHING HOME**—Corinne Calvet, Dan Dailey. A very good comedy lately released to the public. Has an excellent rating.

## Navy Chief Receives Commendation Here

Prior to his departure from Oak Knoll to duty aboard the USS Nashawena (YAG35), Gerald J. Huffman, HMC, was commended by CAPT S. S. Cook, MC, USN, commanding officer, for his services here.

"While serving in the patient personnel office at this hospital, from 1 August, 1948, to 20 October, 1950, the commendation read, 'you demonstrated a keen sense of judgment, initiative and attention to duty. The leadership you demonstrated in the instruction you have given those working under your supervision has been outstanding. Your energy, loyalty, and cooperation is highly commendable and reflects credit upon yourself, this command, and the Naval Service.'

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Saturday, 4 Nov., 1950

## Radios Deluge Oak Knoll

"Operation Radios" was still moving ahead at full speed yesterday, according to LT Rufus L. Thompson, MSC, Welfare and Recreation Officer, whose crew of assistants have been rounding up the gift instruments from homes, stores and offices all over the Bay Area during the past week.

Of some 2000 radios promised, 921 had been brought in up until Wednesday night. Thirty-one were brand new ones purchased especially for Oak Knoll. Many others were nearly new, and most of the older models were in good condition, according to Mr. Thompson. Clubs and churches were still reported to be collecting radios; husbands and wives were spending their evenings soliciting sets from friends and neighbors; and a number of families were having their radios repaired before parting from them.

The "radios for Oak Knoll" drive, began on television's Star Time Theater two weeks ago when Bobby Lyons, mistress of ceremonies for the Hale Brothers' and General Electric TV program, made an appeal which was backed up via television by Captain Cook. So great has been the response that each patient at Oak Knoll will soon be able to tune in on his favorite program, and so will each serviceman under treatment at Mare Island, with whom the gift radios will be shared.

## CDR Canty Honored By American Legion

CDR Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, Director of the Artificial Limb Department, was honored at a testimonial dinner last Tuesday night and given a scroll by Mare Island Navy Yard Post 550, American Legion, at Val'ejo. Dr. Canty headed the Artificial Limb department at the Mare Island Hospital for five years before coming to Oak Knoll.

Vice Admiral Mahlon S. Tisdale, USN, Retired, at one time Commander Canty's commanding officer at Mare Island, expressed his appreciation for Commander Canty's work, as did Captain S. S. Cook, this hospital's CO, who accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Canty to Mare Island for the occasion.

The scroll presented to Commander Canty read as follows: "The American Legion, Department of California, through the authority in it vested, makes known and attests that Commander Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, has so merited commendation as to be cited publicly and solemnly for his single contribution to the well being, orientation, and rehabilitation of amputee veterans and servicemen. He has accepted each patient as a personal challenge to which he has responded by applying his keen insight, skill, knowledge and wealth of understanding to effect marked success in returning handicapped individuals to their rightful place in our American form of society. Prodigious

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D. R. Diehl, TEC, Ward 81B, and his instructor, LCDR Rosella Nesgis, NC, USN, demonstrate to Admiral Murray the workings of a loom which the chief is using in Occupational Therapy. Visiting the department with the Admiral are the Commanding Officer and the Admiral's aide, ENS William G. Cook, USN.

## Admiral Murray Visits Patients; Presents Purple Heart to 23

Vice Admiral George D. Murray, USN, Commander of Western Sea Frontier and Pacific Reserve Fleet, has visited the hospital twice during the past ten days. On 26 October he talked with Korea casualties and presented Purple Hearts to 23 men, and on Tuesday of this week he returned to visit patients and to inspect with the Commanding Officer, the various departments that are involved in treating and rehabilitating the wounded.

On his first visit the Admiral decorated three Navy men for wounds "received in action against the enemy." They were Thomas N. Constantinovich, HN, 21, Youngstown, Ohio; Leonard H. Dalton, SN, USN, 20, of

Houston, Texas; and Lloyd G. Sellers, SOSN, 21, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Marines who received the decoration from Admiral Murray were Pfc George W. Pickett, 24, Ogden, Utah; Cpl John H. Hughes, 25, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Pfc Arture Liberty, 20, Paterson, New Jersey; Pfc Maynard L. Chester, 19, Northington, North Carolina; Pfc James Lunsford, 21, Springfield, Ohio; Pfc Joseph L. Gaal, 19, St. Louis, Mo.; Cpl Allan W. Pfeiffer, 22, Fortworth, Indiana; Pfc Bernard Cyril Hopper, 23, Vera, Texas; Pfc Melvin E. Anderson, 21, La France, North Carolina; Pfc Robert K. Holland, 20, West Frankfort, Ill.; Pfc Jean H. Ancelon, 23, Dallas, Texas; Pfc Richard A. Primm, 18, Tacoma, Wash.; Cpl Alfred J. Abbott, 21, Stockton, Calif.; Sgt Johnny J. Martin, 24, Long Beach, Calif.; S/Sgt Oscar R. Craine, 26, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Pfc Hector F. Robredo, 20, Tucson, Ariz.; Pvt Benny M. Ledesma, 20, Fresno, Calif.; Cpl Stephan Migoley, 20, New York, N. Y.; and Pfc William H. Bushnell, 21, Paterson, New Jersey.

## Free Phone Calls For Casualties

The San Francisco Call-Bulletin invites all patients returning from Korea to place a long distance phone call to parents, wife, or close friend.

Beginning last Tuesday, 31 October, ambulatory patients from Korea admitted since 15 October, who have not already placed a call, may do so by going to the Call-Bulletin telephone center in the lobby of the Community Service Building, from 1300 to 1600 every day except Sunday.

Bed patients may inquire of the afternoon Red Cross Gray Ladies on their wards about arranging calls. These Gray Ladies have been instructed about placing calls on the wards equipped with tele-carts. Calls are free to the patients.



LT Rufus L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, Bobby Lyons of Hale Brothers' and General Electric's Star Time Theater, and the Commanding Officer admire a handful of the hundreds of gift radios that arrived at Oak Knoll this week as a result of Miss Lyons' televised plea. Captain Cook, who appeared on the TV program two weeks ago to tell the needs of his patients, will return to the Star Time Theater Monday night at 8:30 on Channel 7, to report the results of the drive and express his appreciation for the generous response of the television audience.



# The Oak Leaf

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## Prepare For Future—Buy Savings Bonds Now

Now more than ever before, it's important to think of saving. In these troubled and insecure times that old saying, "What you save you have," takes on an even greater significance.

Today the future seems pretty uncertain for every one of us. No one can say for sure just what's going to happen next month, or whether things will be better or worse a year from now.

And yet, you can be positive of one thing. Folks who've been buying Savings Bonds regularly are much better off today—psychologically as well as financially—than those who still haven't gotten around to regular saving.

Next year, all over America, thousands of steady Savers will find that their Savings Bonds have begun to mature at last. That means that men and women just like you—your own neighbors and friends will realize on an investment they made 10 years ago.

Instead of envying their good fortune, why not plan now to secure the same thing for yourself? Join the Bond Allotment Club and start your regular savings plan next payday! Once you've tried it you'll agree with millions of other thrifty Americans that you can't beat systematic, automatic Savings.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Admiral Richard E. Byrd is a thinker as well as an explorer. On his first expedition to the South Pole he had an extremely dangerous experience. He left his lonely hut for a short trip of exploration, only to get lost in a blinding blizzard. There was nothing to give him any sign of direction. He knew it was foolish to strike out blindly, for if he failed to find his hut on such an attempt, he would be lost and would likely freeze to death. He tells what he did:

"I had a long pole which I always carried with me to feel for holes in the ice. I drove it into the snow and tied a scarf to its top. That was my center. If I failed to find the hut, I could at least return to that pole.

"Three times I struck out in search of my hut, each time failing to find it. However, each time I returned to my center, without which I would have been irrevocably lost, and perhaps have died. In the fourth attempt I accidentally stumbled upon my hut.

"I always use that experience to say to people that it is a good thing to have a center—something to guide you, something you are certain about. It may be your Bible, it may be your religion, your wife, children, friends, your national ideals, your conscience—something to which you can return in the storms and uncertainties of life to get your bearings. It's a good thing to have some center in life."

Could there be any better center than God? Everything revolves around him. In the wilderness of life, there is no better pole, no truer center, than God Himself. That is why the virtue of religion is so important.

The reasons for worshipping God are clear. God is definitely perfect. He is supreme. He is All-good. We must admit that by paying attention to Him in worship. We depend on God completely. He created us, keeps us alive, and promises us eternal salvation. Justice demands that we adore Him who has given us everything.

Yes, God is the center of our lives. Everything must revolve around Him. He is the King of all creation. He is the King who will demand an account of His servants, from you and from me, as to how we have worshipped Him, and how we have practiced the important virtue of religion.

Make God the center of your life, and you will never stray far from Him. And, should you stray, you will quickly and easily find your way back.

A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### Protestant:

Chaplain—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade

Sunday—

Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**

## Red Cross Ramblings

**HARVEST HOP!!!** Hostesses from Alameda, Oakland, Berkeley, and San Leandro arrived for a gay evening of dancing last Thursday at the Red Cross Lounge. The walls were decorated with a Halloween motif—witches, ghosts, skeletons, and pumpkins. The broom dance was popular, and to make it a complete success, apple cider and doughnuts were served.

**STAMP CLUB:** Last Tuesday, October 24, the Oak Knoll Stamp Club had the pleasure of visiting the Alameda Stamp Club. This is just one of the many activities of this group, assisted by Mrs. Alice Dallas, a Gray Lady who visits collectors on their wards and runs the regular Wednesday meetings in the Red Cross Rec-

reation Room, second deck, Community Service Building at 1300. The group gathers to sort new materials and talk about unusual stamps. Much of this material is donated by interested collectors in the nearby communities, and much has been obtained from a recent A.W.V.S. drive. If you are unable to come to the club, we will help you on your ward, both beginners and old timers. Why not join us next Wednesday? Tell the Red Cross worker on your ward about your interest in stamps.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

23 October

STEWART, Charles W., III, to wife of Charles Stewart, CS1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

McCANN, Pamela Ann, to wife of John McCann, SA, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

ANDERSON, Boy, to wife of Everett Anderson, ADC, 4 pounds, 10 ounces.

ROBBINS, Yolanda Marie, to wife of Herbert Robbins, TN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

DUMONT, Denise, to wife of Alfred Dumont, SN, 2 pounds, 9 ounces.

24 October

BUCCINI, Rodger Alan, to wife of Albert Buccini, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

STEWART, Sharon Rose, to wife of Ernest Stewart, PNC, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

KNAPP, Frances Louise, to wife of Frank Knapp, CECN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

CHOJNACKI, Victoria Lee, to wife of Stanley Chojnacki, Pfc, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

DAHLEN, Bonnie Louise, to wife of Wallace Dahlen, AMC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

SPEARS, Kenneth Dwight, to wife of Glenn Spears, ETC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

25 October

GARCIA, Michael James, to wife of Manuel Garcia, RM1, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

BROOKS, Edward Dean, to wife of Jessie Brooks, T/Sgt, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

BLEHM, Robert Henry, to wife of Robert Blehm, FN1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

26 October

SPENCER, Perry McLean, to wife of Jack Spencer, AD1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

JUDICE, Girl, to wife of Junius Judice, SD1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

McMILLAN, Virginia Ann, to wife of Jay McMillan, DKC, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

DULLINGER, Kandice Irene, to wife of Robert Dullinger, CS2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

PEARSON, Rodney Russel, to wife of Francis Pearson, RM3, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

RUDEK, Robert John, II, to wife of Robert J. Rudek, BM2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

ADAMS, Girl, to wife of John Adams, RMC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

27 October

GILLISPIE, Daniel Thomas, to wife of Junius Gillispie, SDC, 9 pounds.

BASAS, Marlene Jane, to wife of Cirilo Basas, SDC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

CZAR, Laurel Gail, to wife of Michael Czar, ADC, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

CLARK, Carolyn Lee, to wife of John Clark, YNSN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

28 October

METZGER, Arthur George, to wife of Arthur Metzger, BMSN, 7 pounds.

DAVIS, Robert James, to wife of Lloyd Davis, AM2, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.

SHALER, Gail Janet, to wife of Russell Shaler, AK2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

BARNES, William Joseph, to wife of William Barnes, GMM1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

FILLA, Kenneth Wayne, to wife of Peter Filla, HMC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

NEAL, Robert Dohne, to wife of William Neal, ADC, 10 pounds, 7 ounces.

29 October

CASON, Juanita Jean, to wife of John Cason, MM3, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

BAKER, Rhonda Lea, to wife of Roy Baker, Sgt, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

McDERMOTT, Patrick Alan, to wife of Frederick McDermott, LTJG, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

DOOTSON, William Craig, to wife of William Dootson, LT, 7 pounds.

KLEINHEINZ, Phillip Henry, Jr., to wife of Phillip Kleinheinz, BTG2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

## Staff Orchestra??

Where are all these musically inclined staff members? What say we start a hospital orchestra? Get out your canoe and paddle down to the Welfare and Recreation Office and turn in your name right away. How about it?

## Captain's Son Hero In Sailing Accident

A heroic one-mile swim for help in rough waters by William J. Knowles, 19, son of Captain E. T. Knowles, MC, USN, Chief of the hospital's Dependent's Service, keyed the rescue of four of his University of California fraternity brothers, early Monday morning.

Knowles and his four friends had set sail in Knowles' 19 foot sloop late Sunday night from Alameda. Knowles wanted to anchor the boat at the Berkeley Yacht harbor, where he thought it would be in less danger

from the storm. At about 11:30 Sunday night, the boat hit a sand bar, capsized, and slid off into deep water. While his three friends held on to the keel of the boat, Knowles set off to shore, braving the rough waters and darkness. He reached shore near the Alameda Hospital where he phoned the police and Captain Knowles. The Captain contacted Alameda Naval Air Station, and a crash boat was dispatched to pick up the four boys.



# Who's Who...

If you are going to sea as a polly-wag, it would be a good idea to stay off the ship on which **Everet E. Robertson, HM1**, is a crew member.



After receiving a very spirited initiation himself, he crossed the equator twenty-six times without having a chance "to take it out" on anyone else.

Everet, who works in the Organization Office,

first came into the Navy in 1942. Discharged in October, 1945, he went to work for a chemical company here in the Bay Area and stayed there until seven months ago when he went to work as a postal clerk. Called back to active duty a month ago, he arrived at Oak Knoll 5 October.

Robertson is one of the lucky fellows whose home is here in San Francisco, where his wife, Josephine, and three children, Maureen, Jo Ann, and Theresa, live.

He spends most of his spare time in his workshop at home, but also enjoys attending football and baseball games.

Anyone interested in learning how to play the guitar should contact **Curtis D. Parker, HM2**, who works in the O.O.D.'s Office. Before coming into the service, he gave lessons in his spare time.

Parker, who was born in Hyattville, Wyoming, first enlisted in the Navy in Cheyenne in 1942. After being discharged, he joined the Naval Reserve and was



one of the lucky fellows called back to active duty this year, reporting to Oak Knoll 2 September.

As a civilian, he worked as a Yellow Cab driver, in addition to teaching guitar. Since reporting to Oak Knoll he and his wife, Eleanor, have made their home in Oakland.

Movies are his favorite hobby and swimming his favorite sport.

Would you like to trade cars? If so, see **Virgil R. Turner, HM2**, in the O.O.D.'s Office. His hobby is working with junked cars. It is believed he is planning to sell them when new cars become scarce again.



Turner has been in and out of the Navy several times in the last few years, but never out for long. In 1947, he was discharged and re-enlisted again in three days. This time however, he was called back to service as a member of the Naval Reserve. He came to Oak Knoll from Treasure Island, 8 October.

Before coming back into the Navy this time, he worked as a salesman and studied salesmanship in school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His home is still in Tulsa, where his wife, Irene, lives at present.



Here are instructors and students in the hospital's new sanitation school. They are, front row left to right: **Paul Musick, HMC**; **Ralph Crowe, HMC**; **LTJG J. L. Yetka, MSC**; **LT Rivers G. Harwell, MSC**; **CDR Robert S. Poos, MC**; **LT Lila E. Suiter, MSC**; **Dwight E. Morse, HMC**; **L. G. Esters, HMC**; **W. A. Mitchell, HMC**, instructors. Students here for the sanitation course are, second row: **C. E. Grace, HM3**; **W. J. McMillen, HM2**; **R. S. Nihoul, C. O. Martin, H. Avera, F. L. Ballance HMC'S**; **L. Hewett, HM3**; and **R. D. Pearsall, HM2**. Third row: **E. A. Kloetzel, Jr., HM1**; **K. W. Therrel, HM1**; **R. S. Leary, HM3**; **C. O. Dodson, HM3**; **R. E. Ryan, HM3**; **F. C. Scott, HM3**; **J. E. Guthrie, HM2**; **J. A. Ferrenbach, HM**; **D. H. Saly, HM3**; **F. A. Ikard, HM2**; **R. F. Montgomery, HN**.

## Navy Band To Play At Castlemont High

Welfare and Recreation announces they have tickets on hand for patients for two attractions next week.

Selections to suit the fancies of music lovers of all ages are on the program for the performance of the United States Navy Band of Washington, D. C., scheduled to appear on the stage of Castlemont High School, 10 November.

Rated as one of the greatest bands in the country, the Navy's top musical organization will present two concerts — an afternoon performance featuring jazz classics and popular selections, and an evening show that will include a variety of selections ranging from modern to classical.

Twenty-five tickets available here are for the afternoon performance only. Transportation will be furnished both ways. Reserved seats for the evening show will sell for \$1.80, while general admission will be \$1.20. Tickets may be purchased at Oakland High Schools, Breuner's Box Offices in Oakland and Berkeley, and at Fiore's Accordion Studio, 79th Avenue and MacArthur.

Saturday, 11 November, UCLA and UC meet in one of the most important football games of the current season. Forty tickets are available for patients to this game. Those wishing to attend should sign up in the Welfare and Recreation Office not later than 1200 Wednesday, 8 November.

## Dr. Canty Honored

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and vigorous in his devotion to this great work, Doctor Canty has inspired and directly participated in the device of innumerable prosthetic findings and techniques. The results which he has achieved and the manner in which he has accomplished them reflect the highest credit on the Commander, the Medical Profession and the Naval Service. Presented this 31st day of October, 1950 at Mare Island Naval Yard, Post 550, American Legion. Signed Stanley F. Dumire, Department Commander and J. O. Lyons, Department Adjutant.

School Teacher: "Who defeated the Philistines?"

Pupil: "Notre Dame?"



**Vice Admiral George D. Murray, USN**, found one hospital corpsman among the 23 wounded to whom he presented the Purple Heart on a recent visit to the hospital. He is **Thomas Constantinovich, HN**, of Youngstown, Ohio. Struck by rifle fire during the drive toward Seoul, Constantinovich has a nerve wound of the foot.

The insurance salesman was talking to a friend. He said:

"You know, I served in the Navy during World War II."

"You did? Did you get a commission?"

"Naw. I just got a straight salary."

Q.: "If a buttercup is yellow, what color is a hiccup?"

A.: "Purple."

## KOREAN BABE BORN WITH WOUND IN FOOT

With U. S. Marines in Korea (AFPS)—A baby born with a bullet wound in its foot is the latest oddity reported from Korea.

Medical personnel of the First Marine Medical Battalion were discussing the unbelievable conditions under which they have worked here when Lieut. James H. Stewart of Denton, Ky., told of the youngest casualty of the war.

"A woman patient had been shot through the abdomen from side to side," Lieut. Stewart related. "The next day she delivered a baby. The baby had a bullet wound in the foot."

At last report both mother and baby were doing well.

## Sanitation Classes Now Under Way

Representing another addition to the many and varied constructive activities of U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, the Navy's first Environmental Sanitation School was officially dedicated here today. The school, ordered established by the Surgeon General, is under the command of Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, whose specialty is Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and Commander Robert S. Poos, MC, USN, has been designated officer in charge of the school under Captain Cook.

Present at the dedication was Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt, MC, USN, Inspector, Medical Department Activities Pacific Coast, and Twelfth Naval District Medical Officer. Admiral Hunt and Captain Cook, in addressing the initial class of 20 students, emphasized the importance of environmental sanitation in continental and world-wide military operations.

The course is planned to provide actual experience in all problems associated with environmental conditions. Commander Poos stressed the school's philosophy that nothing can replace healthy men in the armed forces, whether it be during war or peace.

The school's curriculum will be directed at conserving the physical efficiency for combat of the human component machine. "Basically the human body is in constant conflict with its environment," said Commander Poos. "It's our job to eliminate this by intercepting the cause before it can take root." He went on to state how quickly disaster can develop when environmental factors are ignored.

MP (at main gate): "Come on, Joe, get a move on. What's the matter with you?"

Army Truck Driver: "I'm all right, thanks, but my engine's dead."

Airman: "I want some winter underwear."

PX Clerk: "How long?"

Airman: "How long? I don't want to rent the underwear; I want to buy it."



# Commandos Upset WelanRec

The Commandos took over first place in the hospital touch football league last Monday by defeating Welfare and Recreation 19-12.

Under the capable direction of C. F. Young, the Commandos played one of their best games of the season. Not finding the Welfare Men easy victims, they had to resort to all the tricks they knew to down Coach Reginato's well-trained troupe.

The game was close from start to finish, with Welfare taking the lead in the first half on a determined march down the field. They scored on a pass over center, Worsham to Johnson.

The Commandos came back fast and scored twice in succession on passes and line bucks. Young, calling the plays cagily, led his team in both touchdown marches. Somehow finding the weaknesses of the opponents, he called the plays that led the way, scoring one TD himself on a run over center. Welfare came back with another score of their own, Worsham on an 11-yard run, to end scoring for the first half.

In the second half, neither team was able to penetrate the defense of the other until the last three minutes of the game when Young again scored from the 3-yard line.

Until this game both teams had been in a first place tie with three wins and no defeats. Winning this game marks the Commandos as the team to beat. With good luck they should still be on top at the end of league play.

Diamond Jim Brady was a big eater. To needle him a friend remarked that he knew someone who could out-eat him any day. "I saw that man eat ham," he said, "and he certainly did a fine job."

"Yeah," Diamond Jim yawned as he picked his teeth, "How many hams did he eat?"

Fact—A red corpuscle is not a Russian non-com.



"California's Salute to Top Fighting Men," an entertainment group founded by Al and Beth McKay, was presented in the wards and auditorium of the hospital last Monday. Along with the troupe were the two founders and Les Poe of the magazine SHOW BUSINESS.

Because of the enthusiastic response shown after the troupe's first appearance here, they will return this Monday for an encore with an entirely new program. Headlining the show will be Mitzi Green, now starring nightly in the Fairmont Hotel's Venetian Room.

## BOWLING

The championship tournament will begin play next week. All teams interested in taking part should contact Athletic Director Joe Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation Office immediately. Turn in bowlers' names with name and phone number of the team manager clearly shown. It isn't necessary to have bowled in the practice session to take part in the new tournament. Awards will be given the winning team.

## Basketball Team To Play Moffett Field

The Oak Knoll basketball team is rounding into shape and will be ready to take on opponents in practice games very soon Coach Reginato announced last week. Two practice games are already booked, with the local boys meeting Moffett Field 10 November, and Armstrong College 1 December.

Unable to tell just how his boys will stack up against opponents, the Coach says he has very good prospects so far. Transfers have handicapped practice so far as some of the most talented players have left. The last of these, F. R. Hoffman, Dental, caused a juggling of the line-up as he was expected to fill a key position on the team.

A good number of the members of the team are well above average height which is always a necessity in this league. All men are showing up well and with plenty of practice should be a threat to any team they meet.

There is still room for more players as the team has not yet been picked. If you are a capable player and would like to try out for the team, see Coach Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

Author: "I would like to speak to some of your students. I intend to write a book on nonsense. Can you suggest what I might ask them?"

Tired Professor: "Oh, just ask them to be natural."

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

### PERSONALITIES YOU LIKE TO MEET MORE THAN ONCE A DAY:

Friendly Frances Lecocq in LT Stutler's office—jovial Lillian Chin in the Record Office—gracious Lois Smith, petite Lillian LeVeira, and attractive Eleanor Freeland in Disbursing—efficient Billie and Hilda in Ship's Service—gregarious Chief Anderberg.

**TOP TREAT:** A phone call from CAPT Gordon's secretary, Elsie Pierce. She has the sweetest telephonic tone and manner on the base.

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** Warren Stinson finally broke down and bought some new hats. His old ones were so "beat" they looked like heirloom lace—Aaron Gross and a Mate at Hunter's Point are both interested in the same filly. It's a good thing they're on different watches—You know what a Manhattan is without a cherry; that's what Bob Kyser is without his buddy who went off to the FMF—Delorise Stafford and her sidekicks favor the Macombo for off-duty hours—Feel like a dash of pedagogy? See Andy McClain, HM1; he's a former Associate Prof of Biology at Fresno State College—B. L. Wright looked "stunning" as a blonde child at that San Lorenzo masquerade—Dick Harbour is now out of the cacaphony stage with his ukulele. He's ready to hire out for weddings, wakes, and Captain's Masts—Jerry Ford, George Wright, and Dave Gerlits are all set for a big blowout on November 13th. They'll celebrate their second anniversary at Oak Knoll. Did you say they look battered?—"Duke" Nelson (of the Hat, Cane, and Gloves insignia) blames his insatiable taste for vodka on a Rushin' ancestor—When Harry Magan jams one of his big, black cigars in his mouth, all you can see of him are his ears—Chief Frank ("Bring 'Em Back Alive") Bak receives bags of artichokes from a budding Luther Burbank in his office—Why does LaVilla Morse want to hide in Mexico?—Was that Ensign Kennedy driving along Wilshire Blvd. in LA last week end?

## Welcome and Farewell

Forty-four persons were received and thirty-four detached during the week of October 30 to 1 November. Departing were HM3s M. J. Houlihan, L. R. Capson, R. Nelson, N. J. Asher, G. J. Douglas, W. Franson, R. Holugren, F. F. Stager, J. Thompson, R. K. Tyrer, B. E. McQuinn, E. G. Grabania, M. L. Crouse, G. H. Lundman, and G. H. McConnell, J. C. Nichols, DT3, and HN3s R. J. Bernadine, L. E. Cohen, L. A. Hawkins, R. A. Kotrol, Macias, M. H. Sineath, C. Wellshear, D. Dickson, E. R. Harding, J. A. Mock, T. Lauss, R. E. Desrocher, T. H. Hurwitz, and E. A. Zamer, to Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California; and T. W. Harrison, HN, Receiving Station, San Francisco.

Reporting aboard were LTJG D. E. Lane from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; LTJG T. L. Hedges and LTJG R. D. Bartholomew from civilian life; the following nurses reported aboard from civilian life LT's C. M. Ebert, LT Hazel L. Sorenson, Leona L. Stonage, and Erna D. T. Larsen, LTJG Annan C. Mangum, Anna B. Gatlin, Evelyn M. Fern, Lorraine Dickson, Frances C. Thomas, Madeline S. Dodge, Jean E. Moser, Annie K. Norton, Jeannette Arida, and Flavia A. Maher; and ENS Alice M. DeReyes; R. L. Ballame, HMC, from USNH, Bethesda, Maryland; K. W. Therrall, HM1, from NAS, Key West, Florida; C. O. Dodson, HM3, from USN Great Lakes, Illinois; R. D. Plarsall, HM1 from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; W. A. Mitchell, HMC, from Camp LeJeune, North Carolina; and HM1's H. S. Morse, W. Jones, T. Faulkner, P. J. Butler, Bohannon, M. Bournanville, and L. W. HM2's R. D. Allen, R. E. Grable, E. Sayer, B. Pollard, W. Booth, and J. Banta, HM3's, L. W. Philby and J. Leach, HN's; G. Cell, C. O. Robinson, M. Allen, and E. P. Doris, from U. S. Navy Receiving Station, San Francisco.

## PREVIEWS

- Sunday, 5 November  
JACKPOT—James Stewart, Barbara H.
- Monday, 6 November  
RED, HOT, AND BLUE—Betty Hutter, Victor Mature.
- Tuesday, 7 November  
TWO WEEKS—WITH LOVE—Joe Powell, Ricardo Montalban.
- Wednesday, 8 November  
HOT ROD—James Lydon, Gloria Warren.
- Thursday, 9 November  
THE SHOWDOWN—William Elliott, Marie Windsor.
- Friday, 10 November  
BREAKTHROUGH—David Bryan, John Agar.
- Saturday, 11 November  
THE BARKLEYS OF BROADWAY—Fred Astaire, Gingers Rogers.

Host: "You're not leaving now, are you? The party's just beginning."  
Guest: "I'm jush gonna mish the lasht train. I'll be back in a minute."

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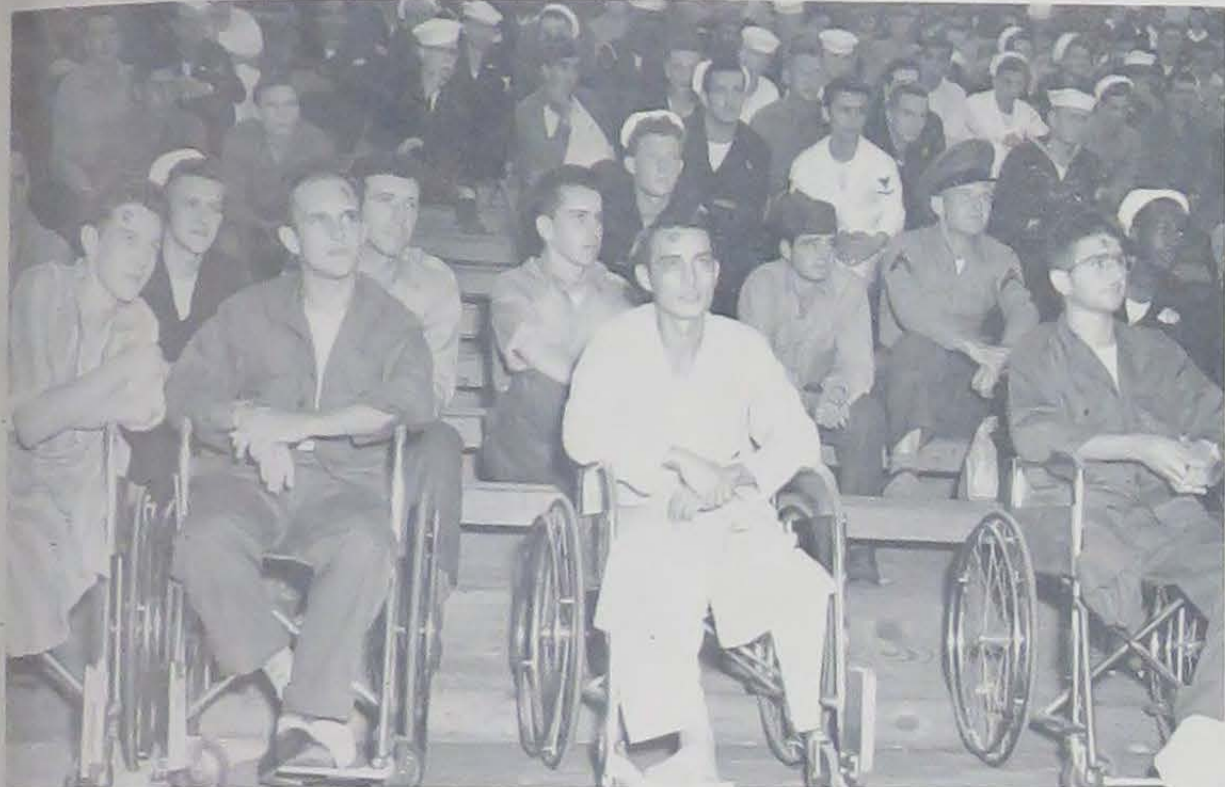


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**There's No Business Like Show Business!** At least that is the opinion of these patients who had ringside seats last Monday when Carmencita Mendez decided she "seemly must do some teeng for theese brave boys." This decision reached, she danced off the stage, and implanted on the forehead of each wheelchair patient the enthusiastic kisses that may be seen below.



## S.F. Night Club Entertainers Bring Show To Amphitheater

Al and Beth McKay, founders of "America's Salute to Top Fighting Men," returned to the hospital on Monday, 6 November, to present another star-studded revue before 800 appreciative patients and staff personnel. The show was given through the cooperation of the American Guild of Variety Artists and American Federation of Musicians, Local No. 6.

Mitzi Green, star of stage, screen and radio, originally booked to appear in the show, was forced to cancel her commitment because of ill health. Currently appearing at the Fairmont Hotel's Venetian Room, Miss Green collapsed from exhaustion and was flown to Hollywood to rest. She wired her regrets for not being able to appear.

The artists who did appear more than made up for the star's absence. Sunny Arland, accompanied by Joe Kelly and Jack Hinshaw at the pianos, had the house in an uproar with her songs and mirthful dialogue. The trio, appearing through the courtesy of Sid Wolf's Barbary Coast and Crystal Bowl, started the show with a loud bang, which didn't subside until the last act had left the amphitheater stage.

The entire Spanish Village Revue appeared through the courtesy of Bernie Goldstein. They included famous Victor recording artists, the Hurtado Brothers Marimba Band, Bobby Garay, "Little Mr. Show Business," Carmen Castro, the Mexican Bombshell, and Carmencita Mendez and her interpretive dances.

The Tai Sings from Dr. Fong Wan's Club Shanghai, and Jinaye and Spencer from Bimbo's 365 Club,

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## Knollites Edge E.M.S. 53-51; Worsham Scores Winning TD

In one of the wildest-scoring contests ever seen in Twelfth Naval District play, the Oak Knoll Hospital six man football team staged a miraculous comeback to edge Treasure Island's Electronics Materiel School, 53-51, at Oak Knoll last Tuesday. At the half, it looked as if Coach Joe Reginato's club would be run clear off the compound, but the dogged hospital crew wouldn't quit, and wound up icing the contest with but 30 seconds to play.

The Treasure Island outfit seemed unbeatable in the first half as they scored every time they laid their fingers on the ball. Their intermission advantage was a seemingly safe 38-19 margin. The passing of T.I.'s Martinez had the Oak Knollers completely bewildered. But at the start of the second half, Reginato instructed his team to deploy a 3-1-2 defense. That did the trick, and although Martinez was a constant threat, his percentage was cut in half.

T.I. started the scoring by taking the opening kickoff and marching all the way for the game's first tally. Oak Knoll retaliated by taking the ensuing kickoff and making a drive of their own good for a score. This exchange continued until the score stood 20-19 in T.I.'s favor. Then, on a break from a penalty and three quick scores set up by Martinez' passes, the Islanders had a commanding 38-19 halftime lead.

With two men deep and George Papadakis rushing Martinez before he could spot his receivers, the Oak Knoll aggregation began to narrow the margin in the second half.

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## Santa Claus En Route to Oak Knoll



Santa Claus in modern dress will be prominent in the decorative scheme the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee has planned for this year's holiday celebration at the hospital. The Committee, supported by generous and patriotic individuals and organizations of the City of Oakland each year plans a Merry Christmas for patients of this hospital and the two Veterans' hospitals in the area. When the group met here recently to discuss plans for holiday entertainment, decorations and gifts, Arthur Daniels, left, coordinator for Oak Knoll; Joseph L. McKee, coordinator for the VA Hospital, Livermore; and Elmer P. Zollner, extreme right, coordinator for the VA Hospital, Oakland; showed Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Executive Officer, a sample of the decorations that will be used.



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## What is Armistice?

Armistice Day has become confusing. Webster defines the word "armistice" as "a temporary cessation of hostilities," and so 11 November 1919 was. For nearly twenty years—as long as many of us have lived—we knew comparative peace. But then along came World War II. On VJ Day 1945 we hoped once more for a long era of peaceful living, but because that peace too was but a temporary cessation of hostilities, we have joined our allies once again in an effort to stop aggression and make this the free happy world our fathers believed they had established for us when the first Armistice was signed.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

### GOD IS A LIFEbelt—BUT THAT'S NOT ALL

On a transport during the war, we were required to wear a lifebelt at all times, or at least to keep it where we could lay our hands on it at any moment.

Most of the time, when there was no immediate or apparent danger, the average lifebelt took a beating. It was kicked around on a dirty deck, sat upon, or, at best, hung up out of the way on some convenient peg. Plainly, it was a nuisance.

What happened the moment the general alarm was sounded? That lifebelt immediately became a mighty valuable, even beautiful, article. It was so comfortable, and comforting, that we would not have sold it for any price. We clung to it for our very lives. It was certainly no nuisance now.

Unfortunately, the average person's attitude toward God today, is very much the same as that. God is somewhat of a nuisance, a sort of unnecessary evil. He gets in our way and restricts our freedom and actions. He gets kicked around, sat upon, hung up on a peg, neglected, or, at best, forgotten and pushed out of the way.

But as soon as a crisis appears, HE becomes immediately valuable—someone we like to have around us—a source of comfort and safety. We pray, we demand His full protection, we even put all our trust in Him to save us, and we get suddenly very reverent and pious and respectful of Him. We would not give Him up for any price. We are strangely sorry for our many sins against Him and love Him very, very much.

Such an attitude is of course shameful, as any honest person will admit. But the strange and wonderful thing is that God still loves us and is still willing to become our lifebelt even after we have treated Him so. He sent His own dearly beloved and only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into the world to save us from the power of sin, as well as sin's awful, eternal penalty. He rejoices when we do turn from our many sins to put our trust in Christ alone to save and to keep us.

"As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his evil way and live; turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" Ezekiel 33:11.

But God is much more than a lifebelt—to save us from death and eternal disaster. He is the dearest Friend any man ever had. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." That is exactly what the Lord Jesus did for us—He laid down His life on Calvary's cross as a sacrifice for sin, to satisfy divine justice, to pay the wages of sin for us. Believe in Him NOW as your personal Saviour, love Him, confess and serve Him daily, and yours will be a personal and eternal happiness such as you have never known before.

E. L. WADE, Protestant Chaplain.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:  
Chaplain—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.

Catholic:  
Chaplain—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**GARDENING: PAGING ALL FARMERS!!!** Some weather we've been having—plenty of rain. These brown hills around us are swelling like sponges and making promises of green grass and wild flowers. Plenty of patients have been sniffing the air and thinking, "Now, if I were home, here's what we'd be putting in the ground now." Lots of Oak Knoll patients have their own gardens right here! All tools, seeds, plants, and shrubs may be had by just asking the Red Cross. Some men would like to get outside for a few minutes a day and watch something of their own grow. But they hesitate to start a little garden plot because of not knowing how long they will be here. Don't let that stop you! Just figure that, when you leave, a couple of other fellows can take over and carry on. If you are confined to bed, a small dish garden on your bedside table can be lots of fun for you and your neighbors. Ask the Red Cross about gardening!

**BIRTHDAYS:** Ward 41-A has reason to celebrate birthdays quite regularly. J. L. Draper has added another year to his already "overload." One of the games held Halloween Eve was the project of making a prize-winning mask from crepe paper. Draper took "first prize" for the most unusual one; his mask was complete even to fringed orange crepe paper hair. **Louis Lighzolia**, of Ward 70-A, had a frosted cake. How many candles on that cake? **John Akers**, Veteran of Ward 62-A, is one of Oak Knoll's "long termers." October 31, he celebrated his **FOURTH BIRTHDAY** with us. **Joseph Fanelli**, veteran, Ward 63-A, was the recipient of a heart-shaped cake, and when visiting hours came his wife joined in the festivities by contributing another.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** How's about a visit to our Dark Room in Building 32? It is open Wednesday and Saturday evenings and several afternoons a week. We will be happy to instruct you. There is no rule of photography for discovering beauty or any fixed formula for determining what is artistic. Separate the "wheat from the chaff," then make the most of the possibilities at hand. It is largely a matter of one's own viewpoint.

**RODEO SHOW:** Some of those from the East pronounce it ro-deo and the rest just as it is spelled, but to patients **Salvatore Cavallero**, Pfc, **Joseph Horvath**, Sgt, **Harry Smith**, Pfc, **Roy Cannon**, Pfc, **L. J. Holloway**, S/Sgt, **M. G. Ottis**, MM1, **Jack Vincent**, DDC, and **Walter Horton**, Sgt, it was an evening of grand fun. They attended in a group last Wednesday evening and returned to Oak Knoll feeling that they could rope a steer or be a Hop-along Cassidy without much practice.

### ODDS AND ENDS:

Just a reminder that we have **VOICE AND PIANO** instruction.

**DANCING CLASS** in the lounge on Friday afternoons (Arthur Murray instructors).

**ART INSTRUCTION** on Thursday afternoons.

**LANGUAGE LESSONS** in French, German, and Spanish.

**HANDCRAFT**—The craft shop is open every day Monday through Fri-

day, except Tuesday morning. Also open Monday evenings.

**STAMP CLUB**—Every Wednesday afternoon at 1400. Supplies are available to bed and ambulatory patients.

**CHESS CLUB**, a perpetual tourney throughout the hospital, entirely up to the patients' voluntary time. Beginners and mediocre players are in the club. Instructions by community men, volunteers, books and magazines loaned. Occasional outside matches. Bi-monthly chess news and rating sheets available.



The Hospital Chapel was the scene Tuesday morning of Kathleen McGee's marriage to Chief Radarman Robert Powers, USN, USS Princeton. Catholic Chaplain W. J. Trower officiated at the ceremony. The bride, a member of the hospital's Red Cross staff, is the daughter of Mrs. Lily McGee of Oakland. Her sister, Mrs. Elena Eldridge, was matron of honor at the ceremony and her brother, James E. McGee, acted as best man.

## Cpl Loses Overseas Pay When He Is Not Home

Seattle (AFPS)—Cpl. Akinfa (Ken) Mercurieff loses money serving in the States.

When the Corporal is at home—the Pribilof Islands 200 miles north of Dutch Harbor, Alaska—he gets the Armed Forces enlisted men's overseas bonus. In the States he does not.

The Corporal is part Russian and part Aleut. He serves with the Army's Alaska communications system, with headquarters here.





## Who's Who . . .

Have you met Charles W. Childress, HM1? If you haven't been to the brig lately, you may not know him as he spends most of his time there, as warden, of course.

Charles is one of the older men in the Navy, this being his fifth enlistment. He was born in Shanghai, China, and some years later, enlisted in the Navy in San Francisco. His first enlistment was in February, 1920. Since he has had several years in the service, he has visited most every nation in the world at one time or another, and has made one trip back to the country of his birth.

Before coming back into active service this time, Childress lived in San Francisco where he worked as steward in the Public Health Service. In his spare time he likes to read.

If you have any old books, you might give them to John V. Reische, HM2, as he makes a hobby of collecting them. When he isn't collecting books, he works in the Hospital Transfer Department in the Record Office.

Reische was born in Meridian, California, where he lived until joining the Navy in October, 1942. He served three and one-half years during the war, with 20 months of that time overseas. After his discharge, he joined the Naval Reserve and was called back to active duty this year, arriving at Oak Knoll 26 October from Treasure Island.

Before coming back to active duty, John was a student at San Jose State. He likes to spend his spare moments reading and writing. For outside recreation he prefers tennis, swimming, and hiking. He also enjoys traveling and spent last summer touring the United States by automobile.

Meet Gilbert N. Nelson, HM2, who works in the IMAA Office here at Oak Knoll.

Nelson, who was born in the friendly little town of Friend, Nebraska, arrived at this station 3 October this year after being recalled to active duty as a member of the Naval Reserve. He formerly enlisted in the Navy in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1942.

As a civilian, he lived in Lincoln, where he worked as an accountant for the State Board of Control. His home is still in that city, where his wife, Wilma, and two sons, Ronald and Roger, live.

Although not saying what he does in his spare time at the present, he used to spend that time working on his yard and garden. For recreation, he likes golf and bowling.

## Chest Drive Goes Over the Top

It was over the top with more coming in the current Oak Knoll Community Chest fund raising campaign as the Oak Leaf went to press. One thousand dollars was the goal set for the hospital, and at present \$1,065 has been contributed with some donations not yet turned in.

This fund is to be part of the Oakland Community Chest's over-all goal of \$1,132,119 for 1950-51, an amount which will be apportioned among the 36 Red Feather agencies which form the Oakland Community Chest. It was pointed out, however, that this amount was the minimum needed and that larger amount will help the 36 agencies to increase their much-needed services.

Last year, one out of every five individuals in this area received some type of direct agency service from one or more of the agencies involved. However, at the same time, it was necessary to turn down the requests of one out of three persons seeking help from the agencies because of a lack of funds.

Rising costs have been the main reason for this lack of funds. As in all other fields of operation, the cost of maintaining and operating welfare agencies has risen.

It is to be remembered that the Community Chest is not just for the benefit of a few but for every citizen of the Bay Area.

## Luncheon, Hobby Show For Officers' Wives

A luncheon and hobby show was the bill of fare last Wednesday noon, when wives of staff officers exhibited a wide variety of hobbies at their monthly meeting at the Club.

Commander R. S. Poos, Director of the Environmental Sanitation School, exhibited some of the astonishing work he had done by using what was virtually junk, and transforming it into attractive lamp bases. He showed club members how simple it is to wire pitchers, vases, and other household objects so that they can be used as lamps.

Mrs. C. R. Carr showed her sewing and tailoring technique in designing a mother and daughter suit; Mrs. B. N. Ahl presented her paintings of landscapes and still life; Mrs. Milton Kuzrok read original short stories; Mrs. H. J. Chapman exhibited fruit bowls and candelabra she had made from polished driftwood; Mrs. R. D. Nies presented ceramic figures and felt party skirts; Mrs. W. I. Ellison showed a rag rug she had crocheted; and Mrs. M. M. Rubin brought lampshades she had made from silk fabric.

Hostesses for the luncheon were Mesdames J. N. C. Gordon, A. L. Shultz, Rufus L. Thompson, E. J. Madden, Ralph Pietrobono and J. H. Spence.

## Marines Interviewed At Press Club Dinner

Cpl. Albert Abbott, USMC, and Pfc. Kenneth Hearon, USMC, of Ward 45B, were guests of honor at San Francisco Press Club's Gang Dinner last Friday night. The two Marines were interviewed by Henry J. Taylor, nationally known radio correspondent.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Fiorio of Oakland, grateful for their son 1/Sgt. Jack Kalsch's safe return from Korea and for the treatment he received here after contracting malaria during World War II, last week called at the hospital and presented a 16 inch RCA television set to the hospital for use on Wards 48-A and B. They raised money for the gift by giving a dinner party to which their friends were invited and for which each paid a television fee. Captain Cook, at right, received the set in behalf of patients at the hospital. Patients admiring the gift are, left to right, L. J. Nazotti, Pvt., USMC; J. L. Howard, Cpl., USMC; W. A. Geyer, Pfc., USMC; and J. C. Howe, AT3, USN.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

**30 October**  
 PETTY, Cynthia, to wife of Robert Petty, LTJG, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
 HARPER, Patricia Ann, to wife of J. C. Harper, ADC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.  
 PRATHER, John Wayne, to wife of Wayne Prather, SN, 8 pounds.  
**31 October**  
 JOHNSTON, Joyce Ann, to wife of Jimmy Johnston, AD2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
 THOM, Donna Eugene, Jr., to wife of Donna Thom, SA, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.  
 NUNEZ, Julia Alvina, to wife of Miguel Nunez, AO1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 PUCKET, Dwaine R., Jr., to wife of Dwaine R. Pucket, RM1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.  
 BAKER, Lynda Ruth, to wife of Thomas Baker, HN, 5 pounds, 8½ ounces.  
**1 November**  
 TROY, Boy, to wife of Edward Troy, LTJG, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
 BREWER, Henry Grady, III, to wife of Henry Brewer, ENS, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.  
 GARNER, Marcy Ann, to wife of Henry Garner, RD3, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.  
 HAGEE, Douglas Keith, to wife of Donald Hagee, Sgt, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 KERR, Frederick Charles, to wife of Algenen Kerr, LCDR, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 BRIGHT, Calvin Fred, to wife of Calvin Bright, ADAN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.  
 VAN BUREN, Kenneth Smith, to wife of Harold Van Buren, GM1, 6 pounds 5 ounces.  
**2 November**  
 GORDON, Patricia Lee, to wife of William Gordon TE1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.  
 FRUGE, Twin Boys, to wife of Anthony Fruge, Pfc, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
 BRANDT, Wayne Arthur to wife of Arthur Brandt, GM1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
**3 November**  
 DOMINEY, Margaret Ellen, to wife of Joseph Dominey, LCDR, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.  
 RIDDERBUSCH, Penny Faye, to wife of Roy Ridderbusch, EM1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.  
 MILLER, Raymond Arthur, to wife of Raymond Miller, LTJG, 8 pounds.  
 SCHEXNAYDER, Brock Allan, to wife of Joseph Schexnayder, Cpl, 8 pounds.  
**4 November**  
 TIMBERLAKE, Stephen Lewis, to wife of Lewis Timberlake, LTJG, 4 pounds, 3 ounces.  
 BAARSON, William Allan, to wife of William Baarson, LTJG, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
 WROTEN, Barbara Ann, to wife of Edward Wroten, SA, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 MALEY, Phyllis Ann, to wife of Philip Maley, YNC, 8 pounds, 3½ ounces.  
 MERCIER, Suzanne Catherine, to wife of Arnold Mercier, AMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.  
 WOLD, Christopher John, to wife of John Wold, ENS, 6 pounds, 6¾ ounces.  
**5 November**  
 FISCHER, Garrett Christopher, to wife of Carl Fischer, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.  
 SOUIRE, Mollie Marybelle, to wife of William Souire, YN2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
 BLAS, Gregory Benavente, to wife of Gregorio Blas, SD1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.  
 PARSONS, Paul Kerwin, to wife of Earl Parsons, LT, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
 SCHENCK, Glenda Carol, to wife of Glenn Schenck, PN1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.  
 WOLF, Michael Lee, to wife of Thomas Wolf, ET2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.  
 MCKAY, Jeffrey John, to wife of Henry McKay, AD3, 6 pounds, 11½ ounces.

## 17 Staff Members Advance in Rate

Seventeen members of the Oak Knoll staff were advanced in rate as a result of tests given during July this year. Two were advanced to HM3 and fifteen to HN. The new rates will become effective the 16th of November. Those advanced to HM3 are V. F. Rhoades and J. C. Coutts. Advanced to HN were T. M. Breeze, W. A. Brown, W. L. Fleming, T. L. Floyd, V. C. Fosback, W. H. Hinton, V. D. King, E. R. Neville, G. B. Rose, J. A. Sanchez, K. L. Simmons, J. M. Smith, B. M. Varnell, K. A. Wicklund, and W. Webb.



Pictured above after their Friday evening wedding, which came as a surprise to their many friends here, are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Warner. The bride is the former Myrtle M. Tesseire, LCDR, NC, USN, assistant Chief Nurse at Oak Knoll. The groom, formerly a Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Marine Corps, is an instructor in the Oakland Public Schools and is studying for his doctor's degree at the University of California. The wedding took place at the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland.



# Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** Notice that jaunty strut of Virginia Rhodes these days? It's easily explained: she just made third class—In one night, Jim Foster visited the following spots: Skipper Kent's, the St. Francis, Top 'O The Mark, and the Cirque Room. My, but those Eastern dudes lead a fast, gay life—Claire Martini received two dozen roses and an orchid last week; and she wasn't on a radio give-away program, either. What gives, Claire?—Wilfred Kiser is investing in diamonds. He must be taking Carol Channing's advice to heart. What is it she sings? "zircons are a boy's best friend" or something like that—Staff Personnel's Hope Sink must really like her work. She's at her desk nights and week ends—Since Johnny Stevenson returned from a short leave to Salt Lake City, his pulse has been pounding like mad. It seems he met a cute trick down on the salt flats, and now the mailman's pouch is sizzling with Johnny's passionate epistles—Rupert Crist and his Pharmacy cohorts go fishing a lot, but they never catch anything. Maybe they should pay more attention to their lines!—Did you see the "souvenir" Chief Simms received from Carmencita, the Spanish dancer, at the outdoor stage show?—One of the reasons Civilian Readjustment has so much traffic is the chic chick, Bessie Wong—Disbursing Madeline Martin was holding hands at Monday night's stage show. Is it serious?—Alice Basnett's heart is in the lowlands; San Diego, to be exact—We now have a member of the Hollywood set in our midst. Comas spent all of three hours in that great movie center a couple of week ends ago. In search of "tropicana," Comas?—Jere Hodges goes all the way to Santa Barbara "to rest."

**WOULDN'T YOU LIKE:** A candy and cigarette dispenser in HCQ? And bottled cokes instead of the present contraption?

## Notify VA When Called to Active Duty

Veterans recalled to active military duty while they are receiving benefit payments from Veterans Administration can save themselves and the Government a lot of trouble by notifying the VA immediately of their recall, the Veterans Administration announced recently.

These benefit payments include GI Bill or Public Law 16 subsistence allowances and compensation for service-connected disabilities.

The law does not permit a veteran to receive such VA payments once he goes back into uniform, it was explained.

The Veterans Administration added that if a veteran receives such a payment covering any period after he has entered active duty, he should return it to the VA office which has his records. Otherwise, it will remain as an overpayment against him until disposed of.

The notification to VA of recall to active duty should include the veteran's "C" (Claims) number, his complete name and address, the amount of the VA payment, what it's for, and the date he is to go back into service.

The veteran should send this notice to the VA office handling his records.



Commissary staff members met recently to celebrate the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. James Berry, Jr. The newly married couple is shown in the center foreground with bridesmaid Edna Mae Bullock, and best man Levi Brown. Others in the group are, first row, left to right: Willie Mae Hall, Gladys Shaw, Viola Johnson, Frances Daniels, Mattie Costner, Nina Center, Theresa White, Louise Jackson, Pinky Orr, Ira Lee Ellis, Eloise Gilbert, Leona Maxey, Wilbert Wheat and Josephine Shoemaker; second row: John Pollen, John Pen, John Campbell, Zelma Sanders, Marie Kayser, John West, Julius Morris, Ethel Trimble, Samuel Stanley, Roosevelt Porter and Cecil Logan. Recognized in the background are Willie Adams, Paul Sutton and James Barnes.

## 40 Patients Can See Bear-Don Clash

Tickets for forty patients to attend the University of San Francisco vs. UC football game 18 November will be available in the Welfare and Recreation Office next week.

Despite the spotty record of USF, they have given a good account of themselves in several games. They are particularly hopped up for this game as there is always a great amount of rivalry between these two schools.

If you wish to attend this game, be sure and sign up in the Recreation Office before 1200 Wednesday, 15 November.

## Second NSLI Dividend To be Paid March '51

Washington (AFPS)—Service men and veterans of World War II, who are holders of National Service Life Insurance policies, may share in a second insurance dividend of about \$1 billion.

The Veterans Administration has announced the tentative dividend and set March, 1951, as the target date to begin payments.

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray Jr. will make the final decision on the payments when he returns from Europe about November 20.

The V.A. still is sending checks for the first N.S.L.I. dividend, which totaled \$2,800,000,000. Up to August 31, 15,100,000 checks had been mailed accounting for \$2,650,000,000 of this amount.

The Administration said the second dividend will go to a maximum of about six million policyholders. It will cover dividends earned for the three years 1948-'51. Those whose policies lapsed before 1948 will be excluded.

## Oak Knoll Patient To Get Crack At \$64.

Ward 44B will go on the air coast-to-coast this Sunday night when one of its patients, George M. Hickey, HM3, appears on NBC's "\$64 Question," formerly known as the "Take It or Leave It" show.

Hickey, 22 and a former Boston College undergraduate, is a native of Revere, Massachusetts. He was wounded by a sniper during the battle for Seoul. He has been in the Navy for 26 months.

Hickey's participation on the show will originate directly from the ward, with Jack Paar, the show's MC, firing the questions at him over a phone hookup. The show originates in Hollywood and is on the air from 1900 to 1930.

## Inventory at the Library

The Crew's Library will be closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for inventory.

## Army Patient Praises Staff of Ward 69A

To: The Commanding Officer  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
Oakland, California

I wish to invite your attention to the fact that while a patient at this hospital, the service rendered by the doctors and all personnel was of an outstanding nature, and I know it had a great deal to do with my recovery.

I believe that the personnel of this ward, Ward 69A, SOQ, should be commended for the type of service rendered to patients like myself, of the Army.

Lester L. Kornhauser  
Major, QMC, USA.

## Navy Lifts Ban On Dependents' Travel

Washington (AFPS)—Partial lifting of the ban prohibiting transportation of dependents of naval personnel to Pacific areas has been announced by the Navy. Dependents of certain naval personnel now may qualify for transportation to four Pacific areas at government expense.

There is no change to the restriction on Army dependents' travel to destinations west of the Pacific Coast. It is the responsibility of the Commanding General.

The Air Force, meanwhile, has modified its previous travel suspension to permit dependents to travel only to Hawaii and Alaska, subject to theater commanders' approval.

Hawaii, Alaska, the Philippines, and the Mariana Islands now are open to naval dependents when authorized by the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, or the Commandant, 17th Naval District.

For the time being, entry into the 14th Naval District which includes the Hawaiian Islands and Midway will be restricted to dependents of naval personnel who are filling permanent billets established before the current emergency.

Entry, as in the case of other localities, depends upon availability of adequate housing. Approval of entry is vested in area Commanders.

The Navy also has given authority for shipment of household goods and privately owned automobiles under certain conditions.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Since this was written, the Navy has announced that travel of dependents to areas in the Pacific may be resumed under the same conditions which existed prior to June 1950.

Women can keep a secret just as well as men, but it takes three or four times as many of them to do it.



# San Francisco Entertainers Bring Variety Show To Salute "Top Fighting Men"

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gave individual displays of dance stylings, perhaps the most artful portions of the program.

The Chick Gandell Trio wound up the program with their music and comedy.

Harry "Woo Woo" Stevens, world renowned banjoist, toured the wards with his patter and songs.

## Welcome and Farewell

Thirty-five persons were received aboard and twenty-nine were detached during the week of 1 to 8 November. Detached were LT Rita H. Walmsley, to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.; LTJGs Dorothy E. Read, Alice M. Crowell, Marilyn F. Lambrecht, and Frances Raduzus, to USS REPOSE; LTJGs Anne M. O'Connell, and Virginia M. Ranney, and ENS Rose E. McCluskey, to USS HAVEN; LTJGs Margaret L. Regan, Carrol L. Readinger, and Margaret E. Maguire, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; O. Lomax, HMC, to ID School, Portsmouth, Va.; H. L. Wells, HM2, and K. D. Hollzchaw, HN, to USNH, Bremerton, Washington; H. C. Sebastian, HM3, to USNH, Pearl Harbor; B. J. Treat, HM3, and R. F. Cowles, DT3, to Naval Receiving Station, San Francisco; and HNs V. C. Summers, M. G. Wagstaff, R. O. Lossner, C. J. Vandenberg, R. W. Abels, D. P. Sumerlin, W. R. Holliday, R. N. Gann, J. A. Crow, and D. R. Selberg to Camp Pendleton, California; and G. Hodges, HN, and E. C. Brown, HN, to Bethesda, Maryland.

Received aboard were LTs Martha J. Meyers and Dorothy M. Hendricks, LTJGs Martha M. Hendrix, Marguerite E. Green, Harriet L. Thorsrud, Miriam I. Stine, Diane V. Polletta, Dolores M. Iacone, Lillian M. Orihel, Christine Fletcher, Mary D. Shanks, Lillian E. Fidler, and Helen A. Germer, from civilian life; LT Hazel I. Hoops, from USNH, Mare Island; LT Mary A. Fraser, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; W. F. Berry, HM1, HM2s T. H. Barnes and L. B. Long, HM3s B. Watkins, W. L. Bollman, R. D. Coffey, R. L. Logsdon, W. J. Weddle, S. W. Creager, J. K. Cowan, and J. B. Ryan, HNs J. D. Harrell, M. Taber, L. E. Watson, P. E. Bessire, R. J. Memma, L. E. Mills, and D. J. Davis from Naval Receiving Station, Treasure Island; A. L. Mallory, HM2, from Bethesda, Maryland; and C. Smith, from San Diego.

## Some People Save Dimes; Mrs. Mullins Gives Them

Although no official statistics are available, it is believed that Essie Mullins, night cook at the commissary, is the champion "dime saver" on the compound. But statistics are available to show that Mrs. Mullins is definitely the champion "dime giver" at the hospital.

Each drive that comes along—the March of Dimes, Red Cross, and the Community Chest—along comes an impressive display of dimes, neatly scotch-taped to a piece of cardboard for mailing. Since Mrs. Mullins works at night, no solicitor calls for her contribution; so she has made a habit of sending her generous gift (fifty dimes per drive) by special delivery to the Commanding Officer.



The amphitheater was the site last Monday of a variety show put on by Al and Beth McKay's "America's Salute To Top Fighting Men." Some of the top acts presented are shown above, left to right: The Tai Sings, from San Francisco's Club Shanghai; Bobby Garay, from San Francisco's Spanish Village; Sunny Arland, from Sid Wolf's Barbary Coast in San Francisco's International Settlement; and the Chick Gandell Trio from Trader Kent's in Oakland.

## CPO Exams Will Be Given June, '51

Washington (AFPS)—Promotion to chief petty officer, acting appointment, of qualified and eligible first class petty officers on the current waiting list has been authorized by the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

A total of 252 POIs are affected by the promotion authority contained in BuPers Circ. Ltr. 168-50 (NDB, 31 Oct. 1950).

At the same time, BuPers announced that present plans call for conducting CPO examinations some time before June 30, 1951. This reverses a previous announcement which indicated that no CPO competitive exams would be held during the fiscal year 1951.

First class petty officers affected by the promotional authority are those who successfully passed the Navy-wide competitive examinations on Dec. 1, 1949, and were placed on the waiting list.

The promotions may be made by commanding officers not earlier than Dec. 16, 1950, or later than Feb. 28, 1951.

## Chuckles

A Communist has been described as a chap who borrows your pot to cook your goose.

The man who asks advice is usually smarter than he who offers it.

Wartime night clubs were like the gay nineties—the girls gay, and the men ninety.

Teacher: "Spell 'straight.'"

Pupil: "S-t-r-a-i-g-h-t."

Teacher: "Correct. Now what does it mean?"

Pupil: "Without a chaser."

A chain of Florida custard stands folded one by one till the last one put up a sign, "Custard's Last Stand."

Luke: "Gosh, but I'd like to make your dreams come true."

Lulu: "I'll slap your face if you try it!"

A good example of perpetual motion is a cow drinking a pail of milk.

"All men are beasts," declares a Broadway show girl, "but you know how I love animals."

## Save For Your Future—Buy U.S. Bonds

Monthly Allotment	5 yrs.	10 yrs.	15 yrs.	30 yrs.
\$ 6.25	500.	1,000.	1,675.	4,000.
12.50	1,000.	2,000.	3,350.	8,000.
18.75	1,500.	3,000.	5,000.	12,325.
25.00	2,000.	4,000.	6,675.	16,325.
31.25	2,500.	5,000.	8,350.	20,325.
37.50	3,000.	6,000.	10,000.	24,650.

This rather interesting array of figures shows the face value of savings bonds accumulated through systematic payroll savings, deducted at no cost to you by the government. As you can see, one fifty dollar bond deducted as \$37.50 from your monthly paycheck will fatten into nearly twenty-five thousand dollars in thirty years if the bonds are re-invested upon maturity each ten years. Service retirement income, coupled with a \$25,000 Savings Bond accumulation, can mean an interesting and comfortable retirement. Think it over.

## PREVIEWS

12 November

ROCKY MOUNTAIN—Errol Flynn, Patricia Wymore. (Melodrama) This story recounts an incident during the Civil War which happened on the California desert. Eight travel-worn men of a Confederate patrol await a rendezvous with the leader of a band of California outlaws. In the interim they drive off some Indians and rescue a Yankee girl whose Union officer fiancée is held prisoner. The outlaw leader appears in disguise, stirs up the Indians and the latter prepare for an attack on the patrol. They trap the patrol and destroy it just as the Union Cavalry is seen coming to their rescue. Rated as very good.

13 November

TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH — Gregory Peck, Gary Merrill. (Drama) A release with an excellent rating. Gregory Peck was outstanding in this film, but the star was Dean Jagger who received his "Oscar" for the best supporting male role in this picture.

14 November

EMERGENCY WEDDING—Larry Parks, Barbara Hale. (Comedy) Peter J. Kirk, Jr. (Larry Parks), a young millionaire, fails in his attempts to emulate his successful father. It is only after meeting Dr. Helen Hunt (Barbara Hale) that he accomplishes anything—he marries her. She refuses to give up her profession. He, very jealous, follows her around and gets involved in some humorous incidents. Finally, she decides to divorce him. But Peter does something worth while and they are reunited.

15 November

BOMBA AND THE HIDDEN CITY — Johnny Sheffield, Sue England. (Adventure) Leah (Sue England), a young girl who does not know her origin, is sold at the slave market to an evil provincial governor, Bomba (Johnny Sheffield), a jungle boy, helps her escape. After a flight and a battle, the governor is discovered to be a murderer, and is killed. Leah returns to the city and Bomba to the jungle. Rated good.

16 November

MRS. O'MALLEY AND MR. MALONE —Marjorie Main, James Whitmore. This film is not for release to general public until December. Rumors report it to be a very good comedy.

17 November

MACBETH—Orson Welles, Jeannette Nolan. A re-release with a rating of good. However, the picture didn't seem to be as good as was expected.

18 November

LITTLE WOMEN — June Allyson, Margaret O'Brien, Elisabeth Taylor, Peter Lawford. (Drama) Louisa May Alcott's imperishable story of the March family is presented without modernization or other change, with Miss Allyson as Jo, Miss Taylor as Princess Amy, Miss O'Brien as Beth, and Miss Leigh as Meg, with Mary Astor the mother. The time is the Civil War era, and the place Concord. Rated as good.



## Basketball Team Plays Practice Game

The Oak Knoll basketball team had its first real practice session when they held a scrimmage game with Armstrong College last week. Until this time most of the practice had centered around fundamental plays and getting the feel of the ball again.

No score was kept on the game but Coach Reginato feels his boys are improving as a result. Eight men took part in the game and all showed they can and will make it rough for opponents when league play begins.

Whipping a team into shape has been no easy job this year for the coach. Transfers have seriously hampered his efforts and at the present time, the hospital is handling a large workload which makes it difficult to arrange for time to practice. The ideal time to practice is around 1430 in the afternoon but sometimes the players can not arrange to meet at this time.

It is impractical to practice in the evenings as some of the men on the team work nights and would not be able to take part. It is hoped that something can be worked out so that Oak Knoll can put one of the finest teams in the district on the floor.

The coach is working for height on the team this year and has some excellent prospects in G. E. Papadakis, W. H. Vandiver, and R. I. Weaver, all of whom register well over six feet. Although smaller in size, C. A. Johnson, B. B. Hook, and R. A. Bridge are showing up very good in practice.

It is still impossible to tell just how the team will stack up with other teams in the league, but Oak Knoll has always given a good account of itself and the coach says this year will be no exception.

Definition: Wolf—A fellow who watches all the fashions, but never changes his designs.

It's 50-50—women have their beauty secrets and men have their secret beauties.



The Oak Leaf is losing two valuable helpers next week when S. W. Robinson, ETC, and E. B. J. Roberts, PH2, leave for hospitals in the east Tuesday. During their stay as patients at this hospital, Chief Robinson, two months, and Roberts, three months, both have worked in the Photo Lab, spending much of their time on pictures for the Oak Leaf. Chief Robinson is going to the Naval Hospital, Che'sea, Mass., while Roberts is being transferred to the hospital in Philadelphia. Both have given freely of their time and services and will be missed very much.

## Touch Football

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With T.I. leading 51-47, with but 30 seconds to go, Johnny Johnson spotted hospital teammate Bob Irvine and connected with him for a pass play to the T.I. thirty-five yard line. On the next play, Johnson faded again and heaved a paydirt toss to Bob Worsham in the end zone for the winning touchdown. It was Worsham's third trip of the afternoon into the promised land.

Irvine, who set up the winning score with his spectacular catch on the 35, had a field-day for himself, scoring four times, twice on runs and twice on the receiving end of aeri-

Johnson scored once on a run, and C. F. Young was in the Islanders' hair all afternoon as he consistently made lengthy returns on kicks.

The win put Oak Knoll at the top of the league ladder with eight wins and one loss. Then comes Moffett Field with a 7-1 record, and the Treasure Island E.M.S. club with 7 victories and 2 setbacks.

## Near Miss Hits Can And the Peaches Run

Washington (AFPS)—If Marine Corps PFC Robert L. Faille liked field rations before, he now thinks they represent perfection in food.

Moving along the Inchon-Seoul Road in Korea, Faille heard the blast of a mortar shell and felt a warm, sticky substance coursing down his back.

Certain that he was wounded, Faille yelled for a medical corpsman who was near. The concerned expression on the corpsman's face changed to a broad grin after a quick examination.

A shell fragment had struck a can of peaches carried in Faille's pack. He was uninjured.

## BOWLING

Nine teams have entered the Intra-Hospital Bowling Tournament and play began last Thursday evening.

The teams have been divided into two leagues, the National and American, with four teams in the National and five in the American. Teams making up the National league are CPO No. 2, Welfare, Lab, Nite Crew Nurses. In the American league are CPO No. 1, Laundry, Lab, Nite Crew, and MAA.

In the practice tournament just ended, the Nurses won with the aid of their handicap. They are favored again in the National league.

The American league will meet on Monday and the National on Thursday. Games will begin promptly at 1900.

Regular ABC rules will be followed with the National league being a handicap league. Any deviation from ABC rules will be decided on before the match by the managers of opposing teams.

Chief Hasbrook will be the commissioner for both leagues and will appoint protest boards, if protests arise. The boards will be made up of two managers who are not involved in the protest, with the commissioner making the third member. If the commissioner's team is involved in a protest, George Papadakis will act as commissioner.

All protests must be submitted in writing to the commissioner no later than 1200 following the day of the match protested.

Scoring will be on the basis of four points for a match, one point for each game and one point for total pins. In the event of a tie for the championship, a two out of three play-off match will decide the winner. Awards will be given.

American league games next week match CPO No. 1 against Laundry, and Lab vs. Nite Crew. MAA have a bye. In the National League, CPO No. 2 takes on Welfare, and X-ray meets the Nurses.

## Commandos Lead In Football Tourney

The first half of the hospital touch football tournament came to a close with the Commandos in first place with six wins and no losses. Welfare and Recreation was a close second with five wins and one loss, the loss coming at the hands of the Commandos.

Four of the six teams making up the league have found it necessary to drop out of second half play, leaving the championship between Welfare and the Commandos.

They will play each other for second half honors at a later date. If the Commandos take this game they will emerge as champions of the tournament. However, both teams are evenly matched and Welfare has a good chance to even things up.

In the event of this happening, a play-off game will be necessary to decide the winner.

## Army Officer Gives Oath to Navy Man

Carlisle Barracks, Pa. (AFPS)—An unusual twist to the business of "shipping over" in the Navy was the recent lot of Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Edward L. Peck, USN, student at the Armed Forces Information School here.

Since there is no naval activity in the vicinity, the Navy Department granted special authority for the Army-administered base to re-enlist the chief petty officer. The school's commandant, Brig. Gen. E. J. McGraw, USA, personally administered the oath to Chief Peck.

Early experiments in color photography were conducted as far back as 1848.

The term "foot candle" is the unit of measurement for illumination.



Patients and personnel of the hospital were treated to a variety show last Monday night in the Auditorium. The show, dreamed up and sponsored by Hugh Croce and Billy Knox of Bombo's in Oakland, was warmly received by the audience.

Croce acted as master of ceremonies, and Knox entertained at the organ. The Harlem Trio, a juvenile team of dancers, entertained with their special version of "Anchors Aweigh." Another highlight was the singing of Everett Roark, DC1, USN, of the Oakland Naval Supply Depot. His songs led to several enthusiastic encores.

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## Yum! Yum!

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving, and LT R. O. Harrison and Commissary staff are preparing a feast appropriate to the occasion for all patients and staff aboard.

First there'll be celery sticks, sweet pickles and ripe olives; cream of tomato soup and saltine wafers; roast young California tom turkey with cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, sage dressing, snowflake potatoes, baked Virginia ham with pineapple sauce, candied Southern yams, buttered fresh peas and carrots, lettuce wedgings with thousand island dressing and parker house rolls and butter. For dessert there will be pumpkin pie and whipped cream with coffee and milk to wash it down. And to top it all off, there will be assorted nuts and candies, cigars, and cigarettes. And then a siesta.

## Oak Knoll Patient Wins on Radio Show

Slightly nervous but still sharp enough to answer the questions correctly, George M. Hickey, HM3, USN, of Ward 44-B, earned \$128 last Sunday evening on the NBC show, "\$64 Question."

Hickey, who was wounded while serving with the Marines during the battle for Seoul, was questioned from Hollywood by Jack Paar, the show's MC. Ward 44-B resembled a radio studio with remote equipment of all sorts surrounding Hickey's bed. The young hospitalman heard Paar's questions through a set of ear phones and made his answers over a conventional studio microphone.

The ward was crowded with "Hickeyrooters," among them Captain and Mrs. S. S. Cook. All the hospital wards listened in over KNBC. Patients in 44-B's quiet rooms were wheeled out, beds and all, to witness Hickey's winning effort.

"It was the biggest thrill I've ever had," Hickey said. "And I sure liked that plug Jack Paar gave for hospital corpsmen. I know I speak for all of them when I say we sure appreciated it."

Hickey was given \$64 for just appearing on the show, and then doubled that amount by correctly answering all the questions in his chosen category.

The RCA Victor Corporation, sponsors of the show, also awarded a television set to Hickey's ward.

## Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz Play To Packed House

### Many Encores For Screen Personalities

The Standing Room Only sign was out last Tuesday in the auditorium as the entertainment family of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz clowned and sang their way through one of the most talented shows ever seen at the hospital.

Currently appearing at the Paramount Theater in San Francisco, Miss Ball and Arnaz knitted together a fast-moving program for their audience, and the latter showed its appreciation by practically bringing the house down with its whistling, applause, and genuine laughter.

Arnaz, a showman in every respect, acted as M.C. for the show, which also featured a part of his band, headed by Maryce, the harpist. The colorful Desi was in good voice as he entertained with Latin-American numbers, the most popular of which was "Babalu."

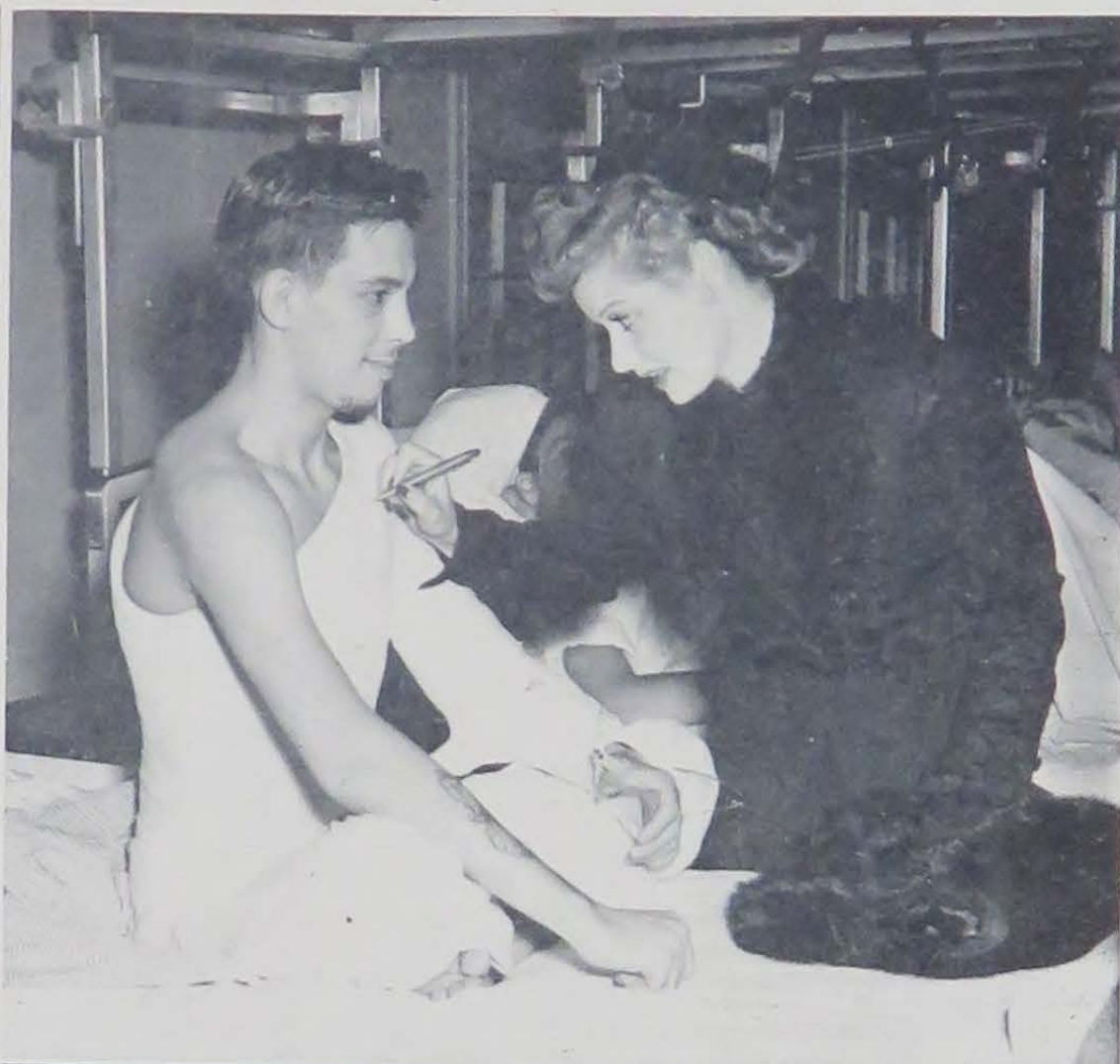
Miss Ball, one of Hollywood's brightest lights, on and off the screen, danced and joked in a manner reminiscent of her best celluloid antics. Once, during one of her husband's songs, she paraded up the center aisle of the auditorium, clad in top hat, tails and white gloves, everyone a misfit. She carried a cello, and upon reaching the stage put on a slapstick routine that would have gotten a chuckle from the Notre Dame football team after its initial loss to Purdue.

Bob Palmer, of Paramount's public relations staff, said the famous Hollywood team had planned their hospital appearance even before they had been approached on the subject. "This was the first thing they wanted to do," said Palmer.

Before the show, Miss Ball insisted on visiting the ward with the most bed patients. Ward 41-A was chosen, and the lovely red head stopped at each bed to chat with the patients. One lucky sailor, Veldia McCoy, AD3, USN, had his cast autographed by the famous star, right over his heart.

At the conclusion of their current Paramount engagement, the troupe will hasten back to Hollywood, where Miss Ball will immediately start work on a new picture. Her latest release is "Fuller Brush Girl," and that was preceded by "Fancy Pants" with Bob Hope.

At the end of Tuesday's show, Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, stepped onto the stage and personally thanked Desi and Lucille for their generosity in appearing.



Mirth was the keynote last Tuesday in the Auditorium as Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz entertained before a packed house. In the picture at top, Miss Ball autographs the cast of Veldia McCoy, AD3, USN, of Mooresville, Indiana. The famous red head insisted on as many ward calls as possible. In the middle left picture, Miss Ball and her famous husband, Desi, do a routine together. Miss Ball portrays an aspiring musician in the picture at the middle right. Below, Desi is shown in front of his band with Maryce the harpist, and below to the right, he entertains with one of his songs.



# The Oak Leaf

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## Thanksgiving Prayer

Thanks be to God for His love and mercy,  
 Thanks be to God for His boundless grace,  
 Thanks be to God for the hearts that love us,  
 Thanks be to God for each friendly face,  
 Thanks be to God for strength in suffering,  
 Thanks be to God for joys we've known,  
 Thanks be to God for the hope He gives us  
 Of rest eternal beside His Throne.

—Brian O'Higgins.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

In spite of many national and international issues of great importance, Thanksgiving Day already holds a prominent place in the interest of all Americans. So completely is this observance a part of our tradition that we take it entirely for granted and can hardly imagine our country without it. Besides being so treasured because it is the occasion for family reunions in our homes, it has become almost a patriotic holiday because it is so closely linked with the very earliest beginnings of our nation. Modernize Americans as you will, it is still difficult to take away from all of us a deep and sincere love of home and country.

Traditions are like sinews which give us strength and mobility. The violence of long years of oppression is often unable to destroy a people because of their national traditions. As a matter of fact, the use of force has often had the effect of preserving peoples who clung to their traditions in spite of tyrants.

On the other hand, traditions, national unity, and strength have often decayed from within through indifference, neglect, and self-satisfaction. Strength is not an easy thing to maintain—it takes real effort and the observance of certain fundamental principles.

It is well to remember that in our nation, Thanksgiving is a sacred day, and certainly not in any sense a day only of pagan feasting. If we are to preserve the happiness which comes from what we call "The American Way of Life," it will be necessary to preserve the fine American character and virtues built into the foundations of our country. Those strength-happiness-giving qualities were put there by men and women devoutly and thankfully acknowledging and professing the providence of God, and this is the American tradition and why Thanksgiving means so much to all of us.

W. J. TROWER, Catholic Chaplain.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
 Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
 Sunday—  
 Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945  
 Nursery, Bldg. 135.....1100  
 Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
 Monday—  
 Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
 The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.

**Catholic:**  
 Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
 0900 in Large Chapel  
 1215 in Catholic Oratory  
 Confessions before Mass.  
 Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.  
 Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**

## Special Chapel Services On Thanksgiving Day

**Special Thanksgiving Day services will be held in the station chapel. Catholic Mass will be at 0900, and Protestant worship will be at 1000. The Holy Redeemer College choral group will be present to sing selected numbers during the 0900 Mass.**

## Special on Haircuts!

St. Louis, Mo. (AFPS)—Customers with a fringe on top get a special price of 65 cents in the barbershop of Louis J. Naum, who himself has a shining bald pate. His regular price is 75 cents.

Tickets for forty patients to attend the Stanford vs. UC football game 25 November will be available in the Welfare and Recreation Office next week.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**RANCHO EL NIDO BREAKFAST:** Do you like to eat your breakfast sitting by the side of an outdoor swimming pool? Patients at Oak Knoll Hospital may participate in the gay festivities every Sunday morning, while imbibing hot cakes and sipping coffee. Radio station KLX broad-

casts for half an hour beginning at 1130. Ask some of the men who attended last Sunday about the fun they had—Pfc. Harry Smith, Ward 45-A, Cpl. William J. Stephenson, Ward 45-A, Pfc. James E. Larkin, Ward 79-B, and Sgt. Raymond Nyman, Ward 42-A. See the Red Cross worker on your ward about signing up for the next breakfast broadcast.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!** Felicitations and a frosted cake with candles to **Red Martens**, veteran patient on Ward 80-B. Ship Ahoy! and greetings to **Clayton Ovak** of Ward 45-A on his twenty-second birthday. **William Springs**, Ward 43-A, celebrated his day on November 9th with nineteen candles on his cake.

**FINE ARTS:** Two Red Cross Gray Ladies are instructing in hobbies and fine arts. Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Rear have been assisting patients in developing their various talents. **John Caselman** of Ward 77-B is preparing a sketch for oil painting. Need any models for that work? **Richard D. Jones**, ETSA, of Ward 79-A, has been mixing paints on a palette to begin a scene of the brown hills overlooking his ward. Sgt. **John Jahicht**, of Ward 79-A, has an accumulation of bars of soap on his night stand. His specialty is soap carving of animals and sculptured heads. **Wilhelm Halnagel**, veteran on Ward 43-B, has been making some excellent posters using colored wax pencils as his medium for drawing. Have you seen pictures that you have liked and asked what is that? The reply is, "Oh, that is finger painting." It is done by dipping the fingers in paint and then using both long and short strokes. If you are interested in any of these "fine arts," instruction is given every Monday and Thursday. Try it; you never know what you can do until you try.

**CHESS MEET:** Ten members of the California School for the Blind Chess Club arrived for their monthly visit to Oak Knoll Wednesday evening, November 8th, and emerged the victors once again. However, we were able to chalk up eight points against fourteen, thanks to the canny playing of **S. Ascension**, of Ward 42-A, and **LT Decker**, of Ward 66-B. Next Wednesday evening, November 22nd, the Oak Knoll Chess Team plays the Chinese Y.M.C.A. men from San Francisco. Come to the Red Cross Lounge and see if they prove what they displayed last year when they were here. They indicated that they had some tricky traps. They hope to win again but this meeting will prove who is champion!!!

**WHAT COOKS AT THE RED CROSS LOUNGE?** November 23rd is Thanksgiving and to start out the week's festivities, on Sunday, November 19th, the Eubank Choral Group will sing your favorite melodies and rousing songs of all kinds. On Monday a comedy team will present their antics. Have you enjoyed Doodles and Spider on television? This team is as good. Tuesday, November 21st, a Turkey Trot will be held with the hostesses entertaining. Thanksgiving Night we will have Open House, a homey get-together. It will be a gala

event with all the fixings. Friday, we will entertain you with squares and rounds.

## Another Well Done

November 3, 1950

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the services and treatment rendered me when my child was born at Oak Knoll Hospital, October 13th.

I was especially impressed by the efficiency, organization and courtesy of the maternity sections of the Dependent Service.

Please offer my thanks to Drs. Lorberbaum, Frank, and Ellison, attending physicians.

Yours truly,  
 Joy Forman Bessac.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

6 November

**KIERNAN**, Peggy Diane, to wife of Howell Kiernan, AD1, 7 pounds, 6 1/4 ounces.

**PIKE**, Gregory Evan, to wife of James Pike, MMC, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

**FARR**, Gary Charles, to wife of Gordon Farr, AMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

**KEENAN**, Girl, to wife of Gilbert Keenan, ALC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

**BURROUGH**, Lawrence, to wife of Stanley Burrough, ADC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

**ROCKENFIELD**, Girl, to wife of Warren Rockenfield, HMC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

**BALLARD**, Diane Margie, to wife of Craig Ballard, HMI, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

**EMMERSON**, Patrick Lee, to wife of Milo Emmerson, ET2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

**GRIFFIE**, Grace, to wife of Hiram Griffie, SKC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

**SWEITZER**, Teddie Lorraine, to wife of Theodore Sweitzer, DCC, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

7 November

**RILEY**, Sandra Jean, to wife of Royce Riley, TN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

**KELLEY**, Boy, to wife of Frank Kelley, HM2, 5 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.

**KINGSTON**, Harold Leonard, to wife of Russel Kingston, AD3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

**STANLEY**, Coye Darwin, Jr., to wife of Coye Stanley, SN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

**GREEN**, Michael Ray, to wife of T. B. Green, BT1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

**LEE**, Ramona Marie, to wife of Johnny Lee, SN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

8 November

**CAMARDELLA**, Raymond, Jr., to wife of Raymond Camardella, AE1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

**MERRILL**, James Stephen, II, to wife of James Merrill, S/Sgt., 10 pounds, 7 ounces.

**JENSEN**, Robert Lee, to wife of Edwin Jensen, Pfc, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

**COLE**, Girl, to wife of Eugene Cole, CSI, 8 pounds.

**THOMPSON**, Girl, to wife of Frank Thompson, PN1, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

**MUSICK**, Girl, to wife of Paul Musick, FCI, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

9 November

**KRISOVICH**, John Andrew, to wife of Andrew Krisovich, SK, 7 pounds.

**EDWARDS**, Steven Dale, to wife of Harold Edwards, LTJG, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

**HANSEN**, Girl, to wife of Ivan Hansen, BMG, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

**O'DELL**, Nancy, to wife of Ralph O'Dell, AO2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

10 November

**FULLER**, William F., III, to wife of William Fuller, AN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

**CRAIG**, Cynthia Gayle, to wife of Harold Craig, LTJG, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

**HENSON**, Yvonne Irene, to wife of William Henson, BMC, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

**SHERMAN**, Deborah Louise, to wife of Richard Sherman, HM3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

**BASS**, Kimberly Renna, to wife of James Bass, MR1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

11 November

**BROWN**, Roger Dale, to wife of Robert Brown, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

**JENNINGS**, Mary Rae, to wife of Raymond Jennings, LCDR, 8 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.

**BARBAGLIA**, Girl, to wife of Louis Barbaglia, BT2, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

**GUERRICH**, Girl, to wife of William Guerrich, ET1, 6 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.



## Who's Who . . .

Another member of the Reserve recently called to active duty is Stanley M. Miller, HM2, who works in the Record Office. Miller is a native Californian, born in Lone Pine, where he lived until joining the Navy in September 1943. Called back to duty last September, he reported to Oak Knoll from Treasure Island 15 October.

Between his tours of active duty, Stanley worked for the Department of Water and Power for the City of Los Angeles as paymaster. He says there is a lot of difference in the amount of money he handled then and now. He probably was able to take home samples then.

Music is the hobby Miller is interested in, and he spends as much time as he can collecting sheet music, records, and playing the piano.

One of the Bay Area products on the compound is Gene S. Smith, HM1, who works in the Organization Office. If you have any questions about the "Plan of the Day," just ask him.

Gene was born in Alameda and has lived in this area all his life. He first enlisted in the Navy in 1943 in San Francisco, spending thirty-three months of that enlistment overseas. After discharge from the service, he joined the Naval Reserve and was called back to active duty last September. He reported to Oak Knoll 29 September from Treasure Island.

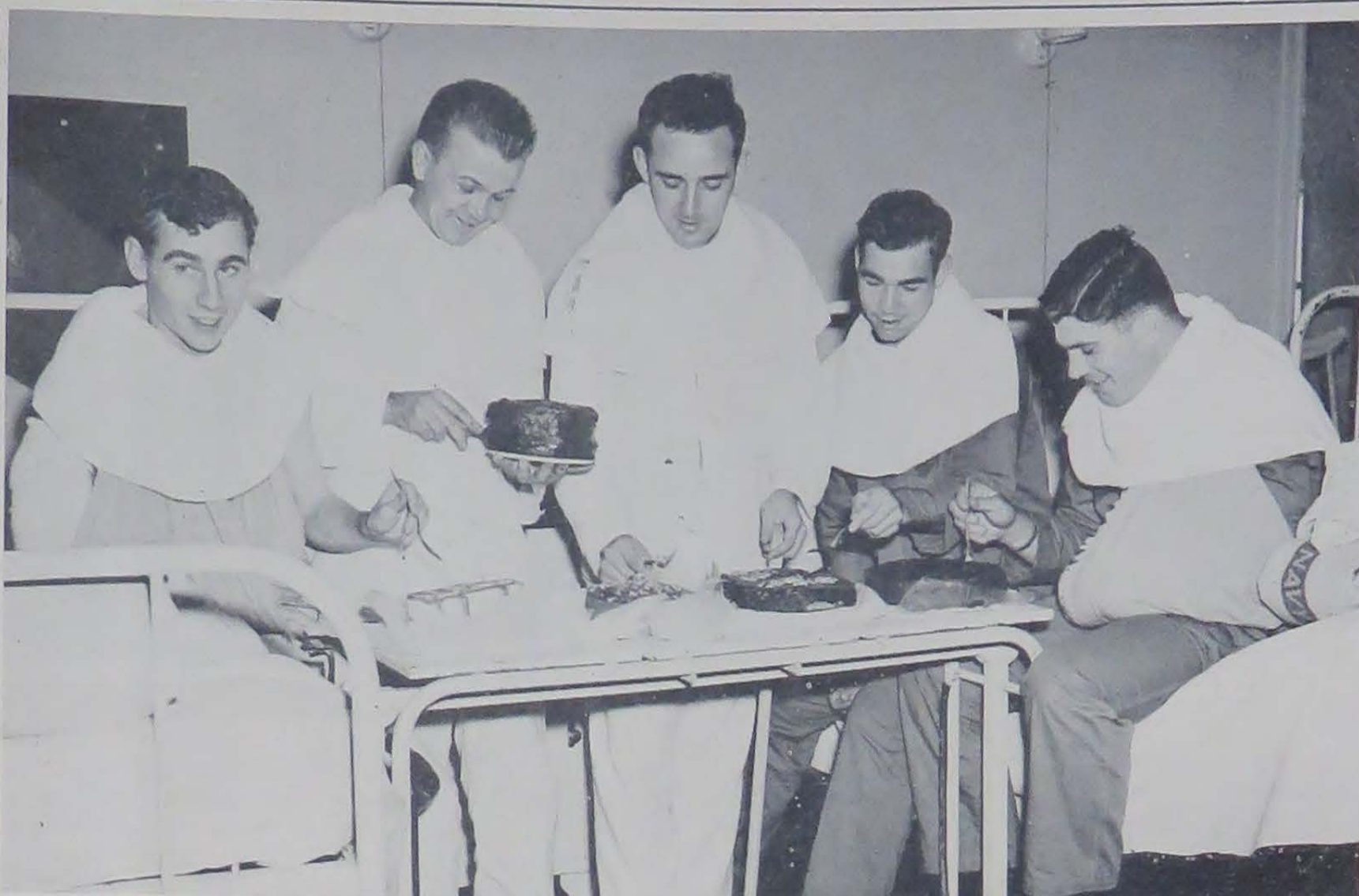
Before coming back on duty in the Navy, Smith worked in the Ordnance Department of the Naval Supply Annex in Stockton, California. Since reporting to Oak Knoll, he has moved his home to Oakland, where his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Ginelle Kay, age three, live.

It is unusual to find a man whose work in the Navy helps in his hobby, but such is the case of Thomas W. Walsh, HM3. He works in Surgery II and is very interested in his work, especially when it is of photographic interest.

Walsh is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he enlisted in the Navy in May, 1949. After enlisting, he was sent to San Diego to Corps School, where he also worked in the hospital until transferred to Oak Knoll in July this year.

Before joining the Navy, Tom attended school and worked part-time for the A and P Tea Company. He says that he intends to go on to college when he is discharged and then marry a little mid-western girl.

His hobby of photography takes him on many sight-seeing trips in this area. For recreation, he likes movies and basketball.



Marine patients on Ward 44A celebrate their Corps' birthday by indulging in a bit of cake eating. The cakes were flown from Los Angeles, having been baked by the church women of that city. The Marines, left to right, are: PFC Fred Brink, PFC Erwin Gromowski, SGT Lowell Biesterfeld, PFC William Boyd and CPL Charles Turner.

## Cash For Casualties Given By Examiner

Friday was a profitable day for 30 combat casualties now convalescing at the hospital. These patients, all from the Los Angeles area, were visited by Mrs. Marjorie Driscoll, feature writer on the Los Angeles Examiner, and each was presented with a ten dollar bill, a gift of the newspaper's readers.

Since 1942, the Examiner's War Wounded Fund has given more than \$225,000 to wounded men who live in the Los Angeles area. The money comes entirely from donations from Southern California citizens.

## Navy Plans Fast Call for 31,000

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy has announced plans to call 31,000 enlisted Reserves and an undisclosed number of Reserve officers to active duty during the first half of 1951.

Of the 31,000 enlisted men to be mobilized, about half will be petty officers and half non-rated personnel in pay grade E-3, E-1 and E-2 who have had at least six months' prior active duty.

Officers to be called will be chiefly general duty lieutenant commanders and below needed for sea duty. Few, if any, aviators or ground aviation specialists will be mobilized.

The Navy said it would start next July releasing monthly about 5,000 enlisted Reserves. Beginning October, 1951, the Navy plans to free 1,500 officers a month in the same category.

It was the new recruit's first turn of sentry duty. So his voice was rather shaky as he exclaimed:

"Halt! Who is there?"

Out of the darkness came the startling reply:

"Foe!"

"Have a heart, chum," the sentry protested. "I haven't had time to learn the answer to that one yet!"

## Better Stew for Nautical Crews

(AFPS)—Specialists in the Commissary Research Division at the Bayonne, N. J., Supply Depot are sinking their teeth into the Navy's food problems.

On the Division's menu can be found such projects as how to reduce the amount of tell-tale garbage left in the wake of a submarine. Undersea craft can be trailed by enemy ships and planes by the garbage wake.

In the dietary stew pot, Navy experts are whipping up a new batch of powdered potatoes. By taking powder—finer than salt—and adding hot water, pepper and salt, you get potatoes. And they're tasty, too.

Confined galley space poses a problem when it comes to a sumptuous Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. Turkeys take up a lot of room. So, take the bones out, remove the fat, and roll the remaining meat into compact bundles. The specialists also have developed a substitute concentrate for making gravy and soup.

And what about coffee? A "cuppa joe" is definitely a standard Navy item. The gastronomic researchers think they can reduce the size of the familiar galley coffee urn. They have a "lulu" this time: A compact urn with a spigot and two buttons. Just place your cup under the spigot, push a button on one side and, whamo—out comes a coffee concentrate. Now, push the button on the other side—hot water. Now what's in the cup? Why, coffee, of course.

## Nips Marriage In Bud

Rome, Italy (AFPS)—The jovial spirit of an Italian wedding was squelched when the bridegroom was asked: "Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?"

Vittorio Jannitti-Promallo hesitated. "No" he answered, then turned and left the church.

Reached later the groom ordered breakfast and answered queries with: "I would have been tied to the girl for the rest of my days."

## "Cake Lift" Brings Treat To Patients

Cakes, 325 of 'em, were distributed throughout the hospital wards last Friday, with full coverage from the Los Angeles press. Church women of Los Angeles, of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, baked the cakes, and they were flown from Los Angeles by the Marine Corps.

The idea was originally conceived with the Marine Corps birthday in mind, but one didn't have to be a Marine last Friday to get into the act. Every type of cake known made an appearance on one ward or another. In fact, there was so much left over, that it was served at the Red Cross Lounge during the week end.

Major John Lewis Clark, USMC, and a staff of Marine reporters, accompanied the flight from the Southland.

## Aldo Nelli, DMI, Attends Cruiser's Memoriam

Among the 3000 people who attended the dedication of the memorial to the men who died on the heavy cruiser San Francisco, was Aldo Nelli, DMI, USN, now a patient on Ward 43-A.

Nelli, currently recovering from injuries received in an accident aboard the USS Diphda in Korean waters, was one of the crew that manned the San Francisco during the bloody battle off Guadalcanal in 1942.

The memorial, located at Lands End in San Francisco, is a concrete platform, lined by the shell-ripped bridge wings of the fighting cruiser. In its center is a flag mast, and half way up that is the cruiser's bell.

Nelli met old shipmates whom he hadn't seen since World War II, and claimed the ceremonies were the most impressive he had ever seen.



## Red Cross Sending Gifts Overseas

Gifts for all military personnel hospitalized overseas were shipped to overseas destinations in September by the Red Cross according to word from the Pacific Area office, San Francisco. Gift stockings were sent early to insure their arrival in time for distribution to all hospitals by 1 December. Because of the Korean development, an expansion of the original plans was necessary, and in late August the quantity being sent to that theater was doubled.

Fifteen thousand gift stockings for patients in the far eastern theater were sent, and it is believed that this number will "go around." In addition to the gift stockings, the plan included providing Christmas decorations for wards and hospital day rooms in all overseas hospitals. Decoration kits were shipped in time to arrive in all overseas theaters by 1 December.

## Navy to Train Army Bandsmen

Washington (AFPS) — Screening of nominees for training 150 Army bandsmen by the Navy's School of Music here is in progress. The first Army class will report for instruction Jan. 10, 1951.

The Navy is providing funds and training facilities for Army personnel currently assigned with an organized Service band. The Naval school has been in existence since 1935. It is designed to improve playing proficiency and general musical knowledge of musicians of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Instruction at the school will continue to be conducted by Navy officers and enlisted personnel. A selected group of Army officers and EMs will augment the Navy faculty.

Qualifications for Army student enrollment also includes one year service with an Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Air Force band.

## Pity Poor Bluecoats With Red Faces

By Armed Forces Press Service

Add: sad tales of bluecoats with red faces.

In Tulsa, Okla., a squad car was stolen from the police station driveway. To make matters more embarrassing, the culprit heckled the police over the car's two-way radio.

And in Lynn, Mass., an officer of the law was trying to untangle a couple of locked bumpers. While thusly engaged, the two men he had just arrested drove off in his police cruiser.

## He Put That in His Pipe and Smoked It

Raleigh, N. C. (AFPS)—The following mixture, prepared by an Army sergeant to discourage a friend's disagreeable habit of mooching pipe tobacco, should have worked:

A small quantity of tobacco; five rubber bands; eight match heads; two locks of hair (one blond and one brunette); a teaspoonful of lint; a batch of pencil sharpenings; the powder from a shotgun shell.

The result? The chiseler lighted up and puffed contentedly. An hour later he was back to mooch a refill.



**LET'S MAKE OAK KNOLL 100%:** In order to do this, it is necessary for every one of us to purchase bonds through bond allotments. If you don't have a bond coming out of your pay, register an allotment now, first deductions in your pay to be made in January. For as little as \$6.25 a month you will receive a bond every three months, or you can receive a bond every month for \$18.75. For information pertaining to Bond Allotments, see CHPCCLK J. L. Alden in the Disbursing Office.

## Welcome and Farewell

Twenty-five persons were received and twenty-six detached during the week of 8 to 15 November. Detached were LCDR Daniel M. Pino, to Fleet Marine Force, First Marine Division; LT Bernadine M. Adams, to USNH, San Diego, Calif.; LTJG Robert S. Merrill, to USNRS, San Francisco, Calif.; ENS's Gloria V. Rapp, Muriel H. Riley, and Virginia C. Trujillo, to USNH, Pensacola, Florida; A. Lee Green, HMC, to Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; W. A. Bohannon, HM1, to USNRS, San Francisco, Calif.; R. E. Keefe, HM1, to NAS, Alameda, Calif.; HM3's G. Ford, R. C. Godwin, C. C. Langston, and M. K. Ray, to Fleet Marine Force, Oceanside, Calif.; DN's D. R. Hoffman, and W. G. Samuel, to Fleet Marine Force, Oceanside, Calif.; HN's M. E. Sutton, E. L. Moore, C. W. Hughes, T. R. Pruitt, C. R. Branch, G. L. Mulnix, A. J. Chalmers, P. D. Bates, R. L. Cook, and W. A. Bloczak, to Fleet Marine Force, Oceanside, Calif.; and J. R. Nowak, HN, to Receiving Station, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Received aboard were LT's Betty J. Funk, Florence E. Alwyn, Alvina E. Gustafson, Helen Mak, Irene C. Baker, Elvera C. Guebert, and Isabella C. Ensweller, LTJG's Patricia J. Potts, Kathryn L. Thompson, Rosemary Hayes, Rosemary L. Barr, Ruth L. Hemp, Virginia N. Balfe, Mary C. Pryor, and Eunice E. Koehler, form civilian life; LT Shirley M. Baller, from USNH, Jacksonville, Florida; LTJG's Roy L. O'Neal, William F. Oren, and Leroy F. Von Lacken, from civilian life; J. A. Maddos, HMC, from New Orleans, La.; and W. F. Allen, HM1, HM2's C. E. Booker, and W. Vanatta, B. Stevenson, HM3, and E. E. Heath, HN, from USNRS, San Francisco, California.

Doctor: "I believe I've told you never to go into the water after a heavy meal."

Patient: "I know. I've been in the water lots of times, and haven't been able to find a meal there yet."

## Chuckles

"My wife talks to herself."

"So does mine, but she doesn't realize it. She thinks I'm listening."

"What does your wife say when you stay out late like this?"

"Ain't got no wife."

"Then what's the idea of staying out so late?"

A faucet drips because it can't sniff.

"Well, I guess I might as well put the motion before the house," said the chorus girl as she pranced out onto the stage.

Mother: "How did your teacher like the composition I helped you with last night?"

Little Girl: "Oh, mother, she liked it a lot. I got a horrible mention."

Dentist: "You needn't open your mouth any wider. When I pull your tooth I expect to stand outside."

"This means a good deal to me," said the poker player as he stacked the cards.

"What did that telephone girl say to you when she broke the engagement?"

"Ring off."

Father: "What was the hardest thing you learned in college?"

Son: "How to open beer bottles with a half-dollar."

"Why do bees buzz?"

"You'd buzz, too, if someone stole your honey and nectar."

A flight of planes was sent on a mission to drop propaganda leaflets over enemy territory. All planes but one returned. Five days later, the missing plane flew in.

"Where in tarnation have you been?" the pilot was asked. "Everybody's been back for five days."

"Oh," the pilot replied nonchalantly, "it was windy, so I stuck the leaflets under the doors."

## Station Gives \$1235 In Chest Drive

Patients and personnel, civilian and military, attached to Oakland Naval Hospital have contributed \$1235 to the Community Chest of Oakland for the year 1950, according to LCDR Anthony T. Wallace, Chaplain, USNR.

Contributions made by various groups were as follows: Enlisted Staff \$50, Patients \$50, Staff Officers \$600, Civil Service Employees \$400, Red Cross Employees \$100, and Ship Service Employees \$40.

The total exceeds last year's amount by \$170. Chaplain Wallace, in reporting results of the drive, expressed his thanks to all who contributed, and to those who served as chairmen of the drive.

## Joaquin Garay Coming to Wards

Four headline acts from local night clubs will appear on the hospital wards Tuesday afternoon. The show has been arranged by Mrs. Werner, entertainment chairman of the Alameda Red Cross.

Lloyd Johnson, well known in local entertainment circles, will act as M. C. for the show, which will feature Joaquin Garay of the Acapulco Club, The Tune Mixers, who are currently crowding them in at the Theater Club, Murray Parker, the Landing Strip's hit comedian, and Dotty Dee, featured songstress from the Landing Strip.

At Oak Leaf press time it had not been decided which wards the show will cover. Further information on the show should now be available at Red Cross.

## All Hands Invited To NFFE Dance

The National Federation of Federal Employees cordially extends an invitation to all civilian employees; naval personnel, and friends to attend a dance held on Friday, December 8, 1950 at the Rockridge Women's Club, 5682 Keith Avenue, Oakland. Jack Terry and his orchestra will provide the music for both modern and folk dancing. Entertainment will also be featured. A "Guardian Service" De Luxe Roaster will be the door prize, and attendance at the dance is not necessary to win.

Festivities will commence at 8:00 p.m. and will last till 1:00 a.m. Come early, stay late, make new friends, and have a good time—all this for only 50 cents.

For further information and tickets contact Mrs. Anna Stone, at TE 3-0285.

"Whooppee!" cried the drunk as he crashed into the gas station. "I've struck oil!"



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# Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** Lou Freese has lost no time in squiring newcomer Georgia "Peach" Dalton around town: Fisherman's Wharf, Top o' the Mark, and the theater. — Is it true that IMAA badge No. 5 has trouble locating its owner? — Disbursing's Mrs. Stanley is always claiming "my bark is worse than my bite." You know, it's true! — The Pride of Public Works, Larry Brown, dashes down to Salinas every week end he can. Reason: Not one, not two, but three girls! — O.R.'s man-about-town, King Lou, is another one who burns up the road, between Oak Knoll and Stockton every few days. Wonder what he's up to? — Ernie Yukna and Will Branson are both saving nickels and dimes to buy you all cigars. They'll be fathers before you can learn to spell Leibnitzianism. — Henry Walker was asked to have a few brews with the boys. To their astonishment he refused with the salient tidbit, "Sobriety is much more intoxicating." (Sounds like something Andre Gide once wrote.)

**PASSING OF A LANDMARK:** Chief A. Lee Green is off on a leisurely trip to Bethesda, Maryland, by way of Southern California, Mexico, and the central corn belt. Oldtimers at Oak Knoll feel as if an important landmark had been removed from the compound.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** The X-ray gang has a wax effigy they're going to stick with pins and burn. They won't divulge the effigy's name, but if anyone from that department suddenly has an accident, put 2 plus 2 together.

**GADABOUT:** The 1950 Chevrolet with the Nevada license plates you see around the station certainly gets around: Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, and Reno. I guess it's true what they say about sailors having one in every port, eh Johnson?

## Floors Bandits, Fails Physical

New York (AFPS)—On his way to a recruiting station for pre-induction physical examination, Alfred Green-Lanus came upon two thugs who were fleeing from a cafe and exchanging shots with a policeman.

Green-Lanus made a flying tackle, brought down one of the bandits and held him until the cop arrived. He went on to take his physical examination but didn't pass it.

The Dean was investigating a charge made by the sorority girls that the men who lived in the fraternity house next door never lowered their shades.

The Dean looked out of the sorority window and said:

"Why, I can't see into any of the fraternity house windows."

"Oh, yes, you can!" said the girls.

"All you have to do is to get up on a chair."

An Ubangi girl can sing "Deep in the Heart of Texas" without clapping her hands.

There's the guy who wouldn't buy his girl a parasol—he told her shady stories instead.

## Gen. Clark Urges US To Keep Guard Up

New York (AFPS) — Gen. Mark Clark, Chief of the Army's Field Forces, said recently that the United States must not be deterred from rearmament by "phony peace feelers put out by the leaders of aggression who want to lull us back to sleep."

Author of "Calculated Risk," a book on the African and Italian campaigns of World War II, Gen. Clark spoke at the opening session of the Book and Authors luncheon.

He said the United States must stack up the "blue chips"—Army divisions, battleships and planes—"in the international poker game where we have been cheated for the last five years."

General Clark compared the modern aggressor to "the mad dogs of Naziism" and added that "one realizes this aggressor is more ruthless and more sinister."

"There is nothing he will not do—cheat, lie, and murder. He conforms to none of the things we recognize. He will kill our men in the field and kill our prisoners."

## Mitchel ABF Gives Christmas a Boost

Mitchel AFB, L. I. (AFPS)—The Christmas spirit has given an extra boost for a merrier Yule season throughout the Air Force. Flying and ground personnel, under the leadership of M/Sgt. Morris Yurak, have been preparing "Kartons for Korea" to make Christmas happier for Air Force men there.

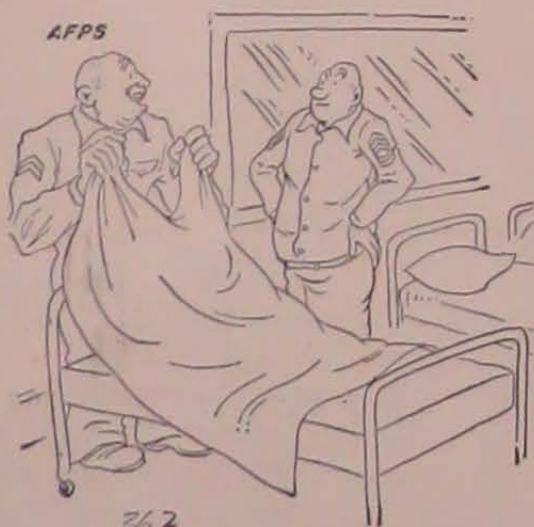
They have been contributing such items as candy, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, books, canned and boxed foods to fill huge cases which are flown to Korea.

Printed on the outside of the "Kartons" are such Yule greetings as "Merry Xmas to Hq & Hq Sqdn, An Air Base Group Somewhere in Korea—from Hq & Hq Sq, 2500th ABG, Mitchel Air Force Base."

The guys and gals here hope the idea will catch on at other Air Force bases so that a steady stream of gift "Kartons" will start winging through the airways to the fellows serving in the fighting zone.

Short lesson in punctuation: An exclamation mark is a period that's blown its top.

Advice to girls: Never be afraid to flatter a man because you can't give him a better opinion of himself than he already has.



"Aw, sarge, I just don't have a knack for it!"



PFC Harvey E. Dann, USMC, of Wichita, Kansas, is an example of one of the strangest combat casualties to occur during the Korean war. Dann was stung in the eye by a hornet while taking part in a BAR attack on a red observation post. It was getting hit by the hornet or enemy fire, and Dann chose the hornet.

## Hornet Sting Saves PFC From Enemy

It's bad enough having to duck fire from the enemy without having to dodge the painful stings from a nest of hornets at the same time, but that's exactly what happened to Pfc. Harvey E. Dann, USMC, now convalescing on Ward 45-A, while he was in Korea.

Dann, the 22-year-old son of Mrs. Esther Dann of Wichita, Kansas, was participating in the eighth combat operation of his young life the evening of September 26, about three miles north of Seoul. He was a Browning Automatic Rifleman assigned to B Company, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was ordered forward with a patrol to knock out an enemy observation post. The patrol took position in a Korean cemetery on top of a hill overlooking their objective.

Just as they were about to open fire from behind the high grave mounds, typical of Korean cemeteries, a nest of hornets suddenly broke open among them. The Marines couldn't run without betraying their position to the enemy, so they had to sit there and be stung. Dann "got his" in the right eye.

Although the injury to his eye was serious, Dann feels he was lucky in one large respect. After he was taken to a hospital, all the members of his patrol were either killed or seriously wounded.

Because of the unusual circumstances Dann was awarded the Purple Heart for his sting. It was his second such award. In 1944 while he was in the Navy, he was wounded by Jap mortar fire while serving aboard the LCI G-81 rocket launcher off the coast of Saipan.

Never think you are a failure. Every successful man was considered a failure until he succeeded.

## AF Experiments With Midget Plane

Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio (AFPS)—Radar eyes are taking over where human vision leaves off in remote control of the U. S. Air Force's pilotless OQ-19 target plane.

Using radio control and radar tracking, the midget aircraft has a ground pilot twisting dials on a tiny box 10 miles away. Before, guidance of the OQ-19 was restricted to the area of the operator's visual sight.

The key to this advance in remote flight control lies in a new automatic pilot, a device which holds the target plane on any course desired by the operator.

Designed to simulate operations of a fighter plane for anti-aircraft and flexible gunnery practice, the OQ-19 is capable of remotely-maneuvered high speed dives and steep turns.

A 150-foot long cable extending from a center post to the carriage holds the plane on the ground until it is remotely released by the operator.

Airborne, the OQ-19 is guided by radio control dials in the hands of the operator, while its course is followed on a radar-tracking board.

The target has a wingspan of 138 inches and measures 147 inches in over-all length. It weighs approximately 300 pounds.

## UN Plans to Lick Postage Problem

Lake Success (AFPS)—The United Nations will soon issue its own postage stamps.

In a recent unanimous vote, the General Assembly's Budget Committee instructed Secretary General Trygve Lie to sign an agreement with the United States for establishment of a U.N. postal administration. The unanimous vote assures its adoption by the full assembly.

Under its terms the United States would perform all of the usual postal duties for the U.N., using stamps printed by the United Nations.

The U.N. would operate a separate agency for the sale of U.N. postage stamps for philatelic purposes, retaining all revenues derived from such sales, with regular stamp sale receipts going to the U. S.

## Navy Auto-Pilot Tests Successful

Washington (AFPS)—The first successful automatic pilot for helicopters—a device that is expected to increase the utility of rotor wing aircraft, has been developed by the Navy.

Routine operation of helicopters at night or during "instrument" weather, heretofore considered unsafe due to difficulty in stability control, will now be routine.

Recent tests conducted on two types of helicopters demonstrated that the craft could be automatically controlled throughout their speed ranges, in maneuvers, and while hovering.

Better to be silent and thought a fool than speak, removing all doubt. —Abraham Lincoln.



# Oak Knoll Wallops TI 46-6; Johnson Leads Team To Win

Oak Knolls six-man grid squad further extended their Twelfth Naval District League lead last Thursday on the hospital field as they man-handled the Treasure Island sailors 46-6. And make no mistake about it, the score could have been larger. The Oak Knollers had one t.d. called back, and repeatedly, in the first minutes of play, they dropped sure touchdown heaves.

If a standout has to be named, it would have to be Johnny Johnson of the hospital crew. When he wasn't passing the Islanders dizzy, he was skirting their flanks for consistent yardage. On top of his offensive prowess, Johnny was a bulwark on defense.

Oak Knoll scored first after eight minutes of play. C. F. Young's 25-yard cut inside right end with a key block by Johnson, culminated a drive that started on the hospital 20, and ended with Young denting the end zone turf. The conversion failed, and the Knollites led 6-0.

Six minutes later the hospitalmen found themselves on the T.I. five, from where Young bulleted a six-pointer into the waiting arms of the always-present Johnson. This time the extra-point try was good, and Oak Knoll led 13-0.

For the next few minutes, the ball changed hands with neither team exhibiting any great threat. Then, with 55 seconds left in the first half, and the ball on the hospital 25, Johnson spiralled a buttonhook to Young, who took off down the east sideline. Apparently trapped on the T.I. twenty-yard line, he lateralled to Bob Worsham, who scooted the rest of the way. The conversion failed, and the half ended with Oak Knoll commanding a 19-0 lead.

The second canto was once again all Oak Knoll. With one minute gone, Bob Irvine took a statue of liberty handoff from Johnson and went 18 yards to paydirt. Johnson ran over the conversion and the local crew led 26-0.

Minutes later, after one exchange, Johnson skied a three-yard pitch to F. H. Allen for another score. The conversion failed, and the score remained 32-0.

After a series of unsuccessful plays by Treasure Island, Johnson turned in the day's most spectacular play by twisting 75 yards to the promised land, only to have the play called back on a clipping penalty.

However, the Knollites weren't to be denied. A 40-yard pass from Johnson to Irvine, and a 20-yard pitch by the same combination netted another touchdown. The conversion, once again Johnson to Irvine, made the score mount to 39-0.

Soon after this score, the T.I. men got into the act by virtue of two Shaeffer passes to Ritter. The first went for 40 yards and the second was good for ten and a touchdown. Carfield missed his extra-point try, and the margin was 39-6, Oak Knoll.

The game's final score came when T.I. tried an onside kick after their touchdown, the ball landing squarely in Irvine's hands. He was equal to the situation and scampered 35 yards to paydirt. Johnson took a lateral from Worsham and ran over the conversion to make the final score read, Oak Knoll 46, Treasure Island 6.

## BOWLING

The Oak Knoll bowling tournament got away to a flying start Thursday, 9 November when the teams making up the National league battled it out in first round play. The American league met last Tuesday evening for their first session.

In National league games, X-ray walked away from the Nurses with three wins to one, while CPO No. 2 won by the same margin from Welfare and Recreation. Good scores were bowled right and left but Radke of Welfare took top honors for the evening with a total three game score of 498. He also took first honors for one game with a 199.

In American league play last Tuesday, Laboratory took the measure of Nite Crew three to one, while CPO No. 1 were winning easily from the Laundry 4-0, taking the first clean sweep of the tournament.

Chief Hasbrook, commissioner of the tournament, continued his battle with the pins by taking high honors in total points, with 543, and also taking most pins for one game, 210. This latter score is the highest so far in the tournament.

In the National league all teams receive a handicap. Before, only one team received a handicap, which sometimes changed the complexion of the final scores.

Next week, the National league will not meet because of the Thanksgiving holiday, but the American league will have their regular session Monday evening, 20 November. The Lab will take on CPO No. 1, while Laundry will play the MAA force. Nite Crew drew a bye for this round.

## Commissions Open to Enlisted Men, Civilians

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy announced it is prepared to grant more than 4,500 Reserve officer commissions a year to Navy enlisted men and civilian applicants.

The announcement reversed a July order that cut off issuance of such commissions except for nurses, doctors, and dentists.

## Reverse Proposal—Now They Are One

Chelsea, Mass. (AFPS)—It was the nurse who proposed to the patient in this case.

Navy Hospital Corpsman Raymond White, of Kansas City, Mo., was on duty as a nurse at the Naval Hospital here when WAVE Lillian V. Brogan, of Fall River, Mass., entered as a patient.

White helped the convalescence along, and finally decided WAVE Brogan would make a good permanent patient.

So he popped the question. She accepted. Now they are married.



Sue Thompson sings to the guitar accompaniment of Dude Martin at a show given at the hospital last Thursday. Martin's group of Western swingers showed their wares before a large group of patients in the auditorium. Mrs. Marion Hamilton, of the Castro Valley Circle Druids, arranged to have the Dude Martin Show appear at the hospital.

## PREVIEWS

19 November  
SOUND OF FURY—Kathleen Ryan, Richard Carlson. Melodrama. This is a new United Artists film with no rating available.

20 November  
MOTHER DIDN'T TELL ME—Dorothy McGuire, William Lundigan. Comedrama. This is a recent film with a mixture of both comedy and drama. Rated very good by reviewers.

21 November  
HARVEY—James Stewart, Josephine Hull. Comedy. Elwood P. Dowd (James Stewart) keeps his sister (Josephine Hull) in a state of nervousness by insisting he is accompanied by Harvey, a six-foot tall invisible rabbit. They decide to place Elwood in an institution when he disrupts a party by introducing Harvey to the guests. The doctor and nurse mistake Elwood's sister for the patient and release him. The head doctor tries to rectify the mistake but is convinced that Harvey exists. Harvey never appears in person but he creates plenty of confusion in this picture. Rated excellent.

22 November  
PYGMY ISLAND—Johnny Weissmuller, Ann Savage. Adventure. Johnny Weissmuller, as Jungle Jim, finds a dead pygmy carrying U. S. Army dog tags and a fibrous lasso which is impervious to fire. Investigation reveals the dog tags belonged to Capt. Ann Kingsley (Ann Savage), who disappeared while searching for the fiber that composed the lasso. Joining an Army unit, Jim helps fight off attacks by agents of enemy countries, posing as natives, who also want the fiber. Ann is saved and the secret of the fiber is discovered. No rating available.

23 November  
STAGE TO TUCSON — Rod Cameron, Wayne Morris. Western. This is a Columbia reissue with no information available.

24 November  
TWO FLAGS WEST—Linda Darnell, Joseph Cotton. Civil War Western in color. Story revolves around the Union Army using Confederate prisoners in their frontier posts when casualties deplete their own ranks. The Confederates hope for freedom but stay at their posts to help fight the savage Indians. A good story of cooperation between opposing factions. Rated good.

25 November  
DAKOTA LIL—George Montgomery, Marie Windsor. Colored Western. This is a recent release with little information available. Rated good by reviewers.

## Stops Coughin' With a Coffin

Camp Polk, La. (AFPS)—A medical detachment's first sergeant treats unnecessary coughs with coffins—and he gets results.

SFC Steve Rolland has 18 years' experience as an undertaker. When a shortage of packing crates cropped up, the sergeant offered some of his casket crates to the unit.

Now, when there seems to be an excessive number of men on the sick list, Sgt. Rolland conspicuously displays one of the crates at the dispensary entrance. Furthermore, he uses one for a field desk in his office. Result—The sick list dwindles.

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SGT Horace U. Smith, USMC, Ward 42A, was one of ten patients who received the Purple Heart from Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital Tuesday. Looking on as Smith receives the medal is LTJG Edythe S. Gillette, NC, USN. Other Korea casualties who received the award were William E. Rites, FP3, USN, CPL Stephan F. Dembowski, USMC, PFC Charles R. Dingler, USMC, SGT Louis J. Holloway, USMC, Albert E. Amerson, CS3, USN, Donald J. Cox, EM1, USN, George L. Demers, END3, USNR, John B. Faulds, QMC, USN, CPL Andrew D. Jackson, USMC.

## Staff Corpsman Wins CO's Commendation

Paul D. Bates, HN, has received a citation from Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, commending him for his work while serving on the Sick Officers' Quarters of the hospital.

Bates' citation was suggested to Captain Cook in a letter from patients on Wards 66A and 66B, which read as follows:

We are informed that P. D. Bates, HN, presently on night duty in Ward 66A and Ward 66B, is to be transferred in the near future.

We, therefore, take a great amount of pleasure in advising you, as his Commanding Officer, that we have found him to be an earnest and sincere worker. His disposition and ability have made an impression on all of us who have been under his care. He has performed his duties efficiently, cheerfully, and promptly with no apparent hope of reward other than the satisfaction of a job well done.

We regret that it is necessary for him to leave us; however, our loss will be someone else's gain.

We take great pleasure in commending him to you.

Sincerely yours,

K. C. WARFORD

CDR, CEC, USNR (Ret)

GORDON EVERETT

RADM (USN), (Ret)

G. W. TAYLOR

CAPT (MC), USN (Ret)

PAUL K. JONES

LT USN, (Ret.)

## Death Claims Two Civilian Workers

Members of the staff were saddened to learn this week of the death of two fellow workers.

Mrs. Helen Silveria, employed in the hospital laundry since April 1, 1946, died on November 11 at her home in Oakland. She was 47. She is survived by her husband, Manuel Silveria.

Jacob Shiflet, 61, assistant fire chief at the hospital, passed away last Tuesday at his home at 6529 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland. He had been a Navy employee since August 16, 1943, coming here from the Oakland Fire Department, where he had retired after serving 28 years. His wife Katherine survives him.

## Pacific Air Lift Exceeds Berlin Lift

Washington (AFPS)—The airlift of men and supplies across the Pacific, expanded because of the Korean emergency, now exceeds the Berlin airlift by 10,000 plane miles per day, MATS reported recently.

The Berlin airlift averaged 242,000 plane miles per day. During September, the Pacific airlift averaged 252,000 miles per day.

Transport planes are leaving for Far East terminals at the rate of one every hour and fifteen minutes, MATS said.

MATS planes have evacuated more than 4,400 medical patients to the U. S. and distributed them to hospitals most suitably located.

## Artificial Limb Department Open House Set for Wednesday

The Artificial Limb Department will hold its formal opening Wednesday at 1400.

Visitors will be conducted through the department, which is now producing artificial limbs and prosthetic devices for war casualties of the

## Dance to Open New EM Club

The newly remodeled Staff Enlisted Recreation Center, Building 25-B, will be commissioned on Monday, 27 November at 2000, when dancing, refreshments, and door prizes will be on the schedule.

The center will be open from 1630 to 2330 on week days, and from 1300 to 2330 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. It is equipped with a television set, juke box, soft drinks, cigarettes, candy and gum machines.

The center is completely new, with tile deck, and venetian blinds and new furniture throughout. Partitions were added but no permanent alterations in the building were necessary.

For several months, the enlisted staff has wanted a place where they could entertain friends at a minimum of expense and yet get a maximum of enjoyment. The Recreation Center will answer this need.

The building is easily accessible to both visitors and corpsmen and should prove a popular spot for meeting guests.

Divided into two sections, the Center will feature a lounge where one may rest, read, or participate in games, and a section where couples may dance to a juke box. The majority of the staff dances will be held there in the future.

Be sure to attend the opening night festivities—bring your wife or girl friend.

Armed Forces. Patients will demonstrate numerous devices resulting from the extensive program of research and development being conducted at the Center. Also to be shown are the new Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Departments which have undergone extensive remodeling and improvement, lending much to the effectiveness and efficiency of these two departments. A visit will also be made to the amputee wards where some 85 amputees from the Korean area are domiciled.

Invitations from the Commanding Officer, Captain S. S. Cook, MC, U. S. Navy, have been extended to military commanders and their staffs of the Armed Services activities in the San Francisco Bay Area. Invitations have also been forwarded to other governmental agencies, prominent physicians, artificial limb makers, and former patients of the Center.

The Commanding Officer will greet the visitors at the Artificial Limb Department where the inspection tour will begin and will review for those in attendance the U. S. Navy Rehabilitation program and its important objective of enabling these war casualties to find suitable occupations and return to normal living.

The present Rehabilitation Program comprehensively covers the following seven major features:

1. Proper medical and surgical care.
2. Pre-prosthetic physical reconditioning of the body and stump.
3. Proper fitting with a modern, light and comfortable prosthesis.
4. Adequate individual instruction in the use of prostheses.
5. Psychological aids in adjusting to the handicap.
6. Prevocational testing, guidance and retraining.
7. Placement in the proper job.

## Former Staff Wave Returns to Oak Knoll

Katherine O'Malley, HM1, of San Francisco, is back again. Yes, after spending five years as a civilian, Kay once again returns to Oak Knoll, the station from which she was discharged in October 1945.

Old timers at the hospital will remember Katherine when she worked at the OD's desk during World War II. She first entered the Navy in December of 1942. Since her discharge she had been working for the San Francisco Municipal Railway as a stenographer. She is now on duty in the Clinical Board Office.



KAY O'MALLEY, HM1



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## WELCOME and FAREWELL

Thirty-four persons were received aboard while twenty-four were being detached during the week of 15 to 22 November. Those being detached were LTJG J. W. Morrison, to Commander, Stockton Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet; LT Hazel L. Sorenson, and LTJGs Christine Fletcher, Jean E. Mosher and Lillian M. Orihel, to USS REPOSE; LTJG Jeannette Arida, to USS HAVEN; LTs Agnes C. Footo, Rosalind J. Small, Leone E. Stonage, and Evelyn M. Fern, LTJGs Madeline S. Dodge, Erna D. T. Larsen, Flavia A. Maher, Anna C. Mangum, Mary D. Shanks, and Frances C. Thomas, and ENS Alice M. Dereyes, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; LT Agnes T. Nerney, to USNH, St. Albans, New York; V. J. McCloskey and W. L. Gibson, HMCs, to Receiving Station, Treasure Island; R. F. Reynolds, HMC, to USNH, San Diego; D. P. Harrell, DT1, to NTC, San Diego; M. A. Bendixen, HM3, to USNH, Mare Island;

and J. R. Davi, HN, to FMF, Ocean-side, California.

Reporting aboard were LCDR DeMerle E. Eckart, from civil life; LTJG A. P. Sparr, from USS TIMFAIR; J. T. Mangan, from civil life; the following nurses reported aboard from civilian life: LTJGs Ruth E. Mears, Elsie M. Martin, Mary C. Justus, Anna E. Schillinger, Grace A. Hart, Patricia J. Lovett, Freda Ackerman, Bessie F. Pantlik, Edythe S. Gillette, and Elizabeth A. Paul; HMIs F. Jackson, E. Vaughn, C. O'Malley, P. H. Daniel, P. Montgomery, E. Anderson, L. V. Curry, L. Harrison, M. M. Reuter, A. M. Wells, M. Mahoney, HM2s, J. M. Gilbert, E. D. Manning, and J. J. Greuner, J. Brisnakar, and V. Storkdale, HM3s, and HNs E. E. Alquist and J. E. Butcher, from Naval Receiving Station, Treasure Island; R. E. Alger, HM3, from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; and M. Morry, HM2, from NTC, San Diego.

## + + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Thanksgiving—the story of how we have the day and its observation in our homes is part of the rich heritage of our early folklore.

But in this mid-century our fears jerk us up short to ask, "Give thanks for what in 1950?"

Nineteen hundred years ago, Saint Paul commanded the handful of the Way to give thanks always for all things unto God. Again we ask, "In the light of our knowledge of the world in Saint Paul's day, how could he have suggested thanksgiving—much less commanded it?" Ah, there's the nub! Saint Paul knew only too well the fabric of the life of his day. In spite of such a dark picture he dared command thanksgiving from men's hearts. Always for all things unto God. In spite of—No, because of! It is the paradox of the life of faith that one can total all the debits of his day and still have cause for rejoicing and occasion for thanksgiving. Why? Because, although our day is not all light, neither is it all dark. Remember, that the somber realities of each generation's day has always been backlit by the glorious streamers of God's promise of redemption. Wherefore give thanks always for all things unto God.

JAMES D. HESTER, Protestant Chaplain.

## ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★

**Protestant:**  
 Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
 Sunday—  
 Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945  
 Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
 Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
 Monday—  
 Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
 The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.  
**Catholic:**  
 Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
 0900 in Large Chapel  
 1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.  
 Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.  
 Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**

## Red Cross Ramblings

**MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!** Lloyd Johnson and his band entertained several of the wards the past week in their own inimitable rendition of popular songs and ballads. It is amazing to us how so much music can be released from a small harmonica.

### CHESSE CLUB FANS CHECK

**THIS:** Regular meetings of the Chess Club are held on alternate Wednesday evenings in the Lounge. Occasionally guest instructors will be on hand to give demonstrations and advice. Also, special problems and quizzes will be promoted.

**PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?** Why not take advantage of the excellent instruction in that romantic language spoken in France? Perhaps you might be interested in ordering your favorite dish while dining in a French restaurant or find yourself reading some of the valuable contributions from French literature. It's all yours—just let your Red Cross worker know if you are interested. Should be fun! You can amaze your ward pals, too.

**RECORDINGS:** Have you ever heard your own voice? Now you can with the excellent recording apparatus available. A gay time was had on Ward 42-B. Pfc Melvin R. Colvin, Cpl William C. Ernest, Pfc John Threlford, and Cpl L. W. Williams, all Army, were some of the participants. Ernest, who hails from Arkansas and is a one-man Board of Commerce for that state, rendered his favorite song, and it should bring him a bid from a television show any day! L. Williams likes rhumba tunes and tried his vocal cords in the Latin manner. In a more serious vein, one can send a vocal letter home. Wouldn't you like to send a recorded Christmas greeting to someone? Do it now.

**CAMERA CLUB:** The Camera Club meets in the Dark Room (Red Cross Lounge, Building 32) every Wednesday and Saturday evening. Why not come over and learn some of the techniques of developing your prints? Enlarging is a fascinating hobby.

**SPORTS:** Fly tying and other aspects of fishing will be the program on Monday evening, 27 November, at 1900 in the Red Cross Lounge. Bring your ward pal along and see how it is done or perhaps you might perfect a hobby already started.

**CHRISTMAS WRAPPING SERVICE:** Now that you have survived that turkey dinner with cranberry sauce and mince pie, we would like to suggest that Christmas is just around the corner! So-o-o the Officers' Wives under the guidance of Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon and Mrs. Carr E. Bentel, with the Chiefs' Wives headed by Mrs. V. Anderberg, will be on hand to help you wrap your packages for that big day. Gay colored papers depicting the theme of Christmas, from Santa Claus and his reindeer to the more conservative red and green cellophane, will be provided and also the outside wrapping, too, for mailing to a distant destination. **WHERE?** In the Cloakroom adjacent to the auditorium in the COMMUNITY SERVICE Building. **WHEN?** Wednesday, 29 November, until 22 December. **HOURS?** 0930 to 1600, Mondays through Fridays. This service is for patients and male staff members. If you are a bed patient see the Red Cross worker on your ward. She will be glad to bring your be-ribboned package back to you.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

12 November

BUCHAN, Michael Lynn, to wife of Kenneth Buchan, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.  
 PARISI, John Gene, Jr., to wife of John Parisi, Pfc, 7 pounds.  
 PARSONS, George Douglas, to wife of David Parsons, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

13 November

FLETCHER, Eugene Edward, to wife of Loren Fletcher, ADC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 MILANESE, Linda Ann, to wife of Louis Milanesi, MA2, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.  
 CALLINAN, Kathleen Marie, to wife of John Callinan, Cpl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.  
 FACCHINI, Patrick Carlo, to wife of Carlo Facchini, BM3, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.  
 SHIRK, Carol Ann, to wife of R. Shirk, YN2, 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.  
 BROWN, Curtis Alan, to wife of George Brown, ADC, 7 pounds, 2½ ounces.  
 HOLMSHAW, Peter Alan, to wife of Harry Holmslaw, CDR, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

14 November

O'BRIEN, Mary Jane, to wife of David O'Brien, AC1, 10 pounds, 4 ounces.  
 PARDIEU, Girl, to wife of James Pardieu, AN, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.  
 ROSS, Judy Ann, to wife of Rudolph Ross, ET3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

15 November

READ, Geraldine Patricia, to wife of Jay Read, BM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 ESTRADA, Edward Martin, Jr., to wife of Edward Estrada, HN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.  
 JASINSKI, Leonard Joseph, Jr., to wife of Leonard Jasinski, Pfc, 7 pounds, 12½ ounces.  
 KOSSMANN, Susan Joyce, to wife of Richard Kossman, AMAN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.  
 DOYLE, Denise Julia, to wife of Fred Doyle, BM2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
 HOOK, James Alfred, to wife of Leonard Hook, AD1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
 WOTHERSPOON, James Vincent, to wife of John Wotherspoon, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

16 November

DUNLAP, Elizabeth Ann, to wife of Fredrick Dunlap, MML3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
 INGOLD, Boy, to wife of Ralph Ingold, ET1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.  
 HERTZ, Linda Sue, to wife of Donald Hertz, BM1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.  
 FRABOTTA, Maxine Ann, to wife of Dominic Frabotta, QMC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

17 November

VASSAR, Virginia Lee, to wife of Frank Vassar, QM2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.  
 SELFA, Richard Lee, to wife of John Selia, Sgt, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.  
 FOGELBOCH, Donald Richard, to wife of Donald Fogelboch, SA, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.  
 HORNGREN, Cheryl Ann, to wife of Earl Horngren, LTJG, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.  
 KINGSLEY, Pamela Lee, to wife of Neil Kingsley, CDR, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

18 November

McNICHOL, Frances Marie, to wife of Harold McNichol, AMC, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.  
 BURTON, Linda Sue, to wife of David Burton, ET2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.  
 McJENKIN, Marsha Ann, to wife of Ray McJenkin, AM2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.  
 SCHULZ, Katherine Diane, to wife of William Schulz, ENS, 4 pounds, 14 ounces.

## Russia Building Up Her Navy

London (AFPS)—The Soviet Union is rapidly building up a strong navy based on ideas which other nations believe outmoded, according to an unofficial British survey.

The survey, "Brassey's 1950 Annual," stated that the USSR had completed two 35,000-ton battleships, has more under construction and has commissioned one or two aircraft carriers this year. Her naval plans include an underwater fleet of 1,000 by the end of 1951. Her present submarine fleet was listed as numbering 360.



## Who's Who . . .

Recently called back to active duty in the Navy was **Walter E. Peterson**, HM1, who works in the inside MAA Office. Walter first enlisted in the Navy in Salt Lake City in 1943, serving until 1945. He joined the reserve in 1947 and was re-called to duty last September, arriving at Oak Knoll 2 October from Treasure Island.

Before coming back into the Navy, Peterson attended college at the University of Utah where he graduated this year. He was working as an assistant department manager for Sears-Roeback when his "greetings" came. His home is still in Salt Lake where his wife, Norine, and daughter, Vicki, live. Norine is now attending the University of Utah but when this semester ends, she and Vicki plan to move to the Bay Area.

Photography and reading are Peterson's favorite hobbies. He enjoys all sports, especially bowling.

**Robert R. Gammon**, HM1, is another "reserve" recently called back into the Navy. Since arriving at Oak Knoll last month, he has been working in the Record Office.

Gammon was born in Indiana where he enlisted in the Navy in 1943. After his discharge he joined the inactive reserve unit in his home town and then was called back to duty this year.



As a civilian, Robert worked for the American Trust Company as a clerk and bookkeeper. He is still continuing his studies in the Navy by correspondence. At the present time he is taking courses in law and upholstery.

The ideal form of recreation for Gammon is to pack up and go out on a weekend of fishing and camping. He could probably find plenty of companions to go along. His hobbies are reading and baseball.

Another Indiana boy is **Robert K. Lane**, HN, who works in Surgery II. Lane, who was born in Buck Creek, Indiana, enlisted in the Navy in September, 1948.

After attending "boot camp" and Corps School, he was stationed at the Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., until being transferred to this station in April this year.

Prior to entering the Navy, Lane worked as a grocery clerk in his home town, which is now Delphi, Indiana.

A typical regular Navy man, Bob's spare time activities are two Navy favorites, sleeping, and writing letters. Photography is his hobby.



The Little Singers from Paris entertain in the Hospital Auditorium under the watchful direction of Father Maillet, their conductor. The group of young choral entertainers appeared at the hospital last week, and rendered one of the finest performances heard at Oak Knoll.

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** The Admitting Room's Bob Carter spends a lot of time looking at television, but he can never remember what he saw. There's a reason: he watches TV with his girl in semi-darkness—Stamey Boles, 41-B's galley corpsman, has a new uniform for galley-men: slate gray (sort of an unwashed whites affair)—Need any records? Chuck Romero has a huge collection, from the classics to bebop to swing to hillbilly tunes—Johnny Smith is swelling with pride. He's now eligible for the title "papa"—With the onslaught of all the new WAVES, the wolves on the station are howling—They say a night corpsman finds safety in his nocturnal vigils—The familiar face of "E" "J" Stamp-hill is missing from Leave and Liberty; he's in the brig (working).—Katie Robinson has replaced Annie Green (if that's possible) as the MAA in the WAVES quarters—Wonder why Jeannie Banks is so interested in Skulls and anything related to the cerebrum?—Some of our first class mates at HCQ are regretting the privilege of private rooms—Miss Peters of the Record Office is enviously eyeing all the new WAVES. She wants to wear Navy blue, too—Notice that haggard look on the first and second class mates lately? It's from standing unaccustomed night watches—Petie Bowers isn't missing a trick in town these days; he's out every other day—Joe Geis is beaming again. His B.W. and child are now here with him—Chief Anderberg is having a Renaissance in literature. Why the sudden quest for erudition?

Sailor: "Now, doctor, since I'm going to marry Elinor, there's one thing I want to get off my chest."

Doctor: "Tell me all about it."

Sailor: "It's this tattooed heart with the name 'Mabel' on it."

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A recruit in a World War I cavalry troop was told to report to the lieutenant. "Private Rooney," said the officer, "take my horse down and have him shod."

For three hours the lieutenant waited for his horse. Then, impatiently, he sent for Rooney. "Private Rooney," he said, "where is that horse I told you to have shod?"

"Omigosh!" gasped the private. "Omigosh! Did you say SHOD?"

## Little Singers of Paris Entertain Pleased Audience With Songs in Many Languages

A high spot in Oak Knoll's 1950 entertainment calendar was reached last Friday with the appearance of the world famous Little Singers from Paris. Under the expert direction of L'Abe' Maillet, the forty young Frenchmen exhibited an almost unbelievable polyphonic grace in styling their repertoire of secular and religious selections.

Appearing here on the last leg of their first United States transcontinental tour, the choral group appeared before a slightly over half-filled auditorium, and without losing a bit of their unique tone quality, demonstrated a beautiful command of linguistics. They gave selections in French, English, Spanish, and Czechoslovakian.

Nineteen selections in all were given patients and personnel of the hospital by Les Petits Chanteurs a la Croix de Bois, as they are called in their homeland.

Father Maillet exhibited a special style reminiscent of his European background, and integrated with just the right amount of humor.

The group, which began to receive acclaim as early as 1936, consists of young lads ranging from ten to sixteen years. With these were a group of older men, including one priest, all alumni of the group. The deep tones of the latter combined with the mellow quality of the younger group, gave resilience to the entire performance.

The Little Singers are a product of Parisian homes of the lower class. Many of the lads are from war-shattered families, and their enthusiasm at being able to travel the world on the strength of their voices, was evident in their vocal efforts.

Three young soloists left the audience amazed at the ease with which they sang out in their treble and alto. Favorites among the choir's selections were "My Bonnie Is Over the Ocean," "Allouette," "Danny Boy," "Funiculi Funicula," "Red River Valley," "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain," a beautiful arrangement of the "Ave Maria," "Silent Night," and the concluding "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Marseillaise."

## Servicemen Off-Duty Tastes Are Changing

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

The off-duty tastes of the 1950 Serviceman differ from those of the World War II Serviceman like candy differs from castor oil.

According to word from the Associated Services for the Armed Forces—successor to the U.S.O.—the present-day Serviceman likes canasta and square dancing. During the 1940s, Servicemen preferred poker and jitterbugging.

Furthermore, says ASAF, today's soldier, sailor and airman likes to samba, rumba and waltz. Be-bop is sinking into oblivion. But the most popular off-duty form of relaxation, according to the ASAF hostesses, is still just stretching out in a comfortable chair with a magazine.

Father: "Say, it's two o'clock. Do you think you can stay all night?"

Sailor: "I'll have to telephone home first."

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Navy Bill: "What sports do you like best?"

Hollywood Katie: "Those who are free with their money and know when to say goodnight and go home."

## Fellowship Meeting Monday, 27 November

"Food, Fun, and Fellowship" is the motto of a new recreational activity at Oak Knoll which has already received an enthusiastic popular response.

Three meetings have been held, and the next one is scheduled for Monday evening, 27 November, at 1930 in the Chaplains' Offices, Building 40-A. Everyone, male and female, patients and staff, is cordially invited and welcome.

After a songfest and brief discussion on a selected scriptural subject, the fellows and girls present adjourn to the "Chaplains' Galley," where hot and cold drinks, and delicious snacks are served. A general good time is had by all.

It will probably be necessary to change the meeting place to the chapel in the near future.

Young Man: "Mr. Smith, your daughter has promised to be my wife."

Mr. Smith: "It was your own fault—what else did you expect if you kept hanging 'round here every night?"



BOWLING

X-ray took the lead in the National league while MAA and Lab are tied for first place in the American league in the current Oak Knoll bowling tournament.

In National league play Thursday, 16 November, X-ray made it two matches in a row by taking a clean sweep, 4-0, from CPO No. 2, while the Nurses were battling Welfare and Recreation to a tie, 2-2.

Brack of X-ray led his team to victory by taking single game honors as well as high three game total for the evening. His three game total was 522, with his high one game score totaling 187 pins.

In American league play last Tuesday evening, MAA took an easy win from the Laundry, 4-0, while CPO No. 1 were fighting a losing battle against the Lab, 3-1. Nelson was high for the MAA's with a three game total of 481, while McAdaragh led the Lab with a total of 483.

Dodge was high for one game in the American league with a total of 187 pins.

CPO No. 1's defeat at the hands of Lab crew was considered an upset as the Chiefs had shown one of the smoothest teams in either league. The boys from the Lab were at their best, however, and could not be denied.

The National league will not meet for their third round this week because of the holidays. Next games will be Tuesday evening, 28 November, when the American league meets again. On that night, Laundry will take on Nite Crew, while CPO No. 1 meet the MAAs. Lab drew a bye for this round.

Editor: "Did you write this poem yourself?"

Contributor: "Yes, every line of it."

Editor: "Then I'm glad to meet you, Edgar Allan Poe, I thought you were dead long ago."

Diner: "Waiter, this soup is spoiled."

Waiter: "Who told you so?"

Diner: "A little swallow."

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Pool Tournament  
Entries Are Needed

Pool addicts will be happy to hear that the Welfare and Recreation Department will sponsor a pool tournament starting in December.

Anyone wishing to sign up for the tournament is asked to register his intention at the bowling alley. Eight Ball seems to be the most accepted game and will probably become standard during the tourney.

Deadline for signing up will be Monday, 4 December.

Sportsmen's Show  
Here, 27 November

On Monday, 27 November, at 1915, the Hospital Committee for District Council No. 3 of the Associated Sportsmen, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. E. Wilson, will present a show of interest to all sportsmen on the station.

A variety of top features are planned for that evening—the appearance of Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto, third baseman for the Oaks, an archery demonstration by Harold MacQuarrie of the Redwood Bowmen, a display of the famous pistol collection of Freddie Warwick of the Richmond Rod and Gun Club, and a demonstration of the making of hunting knives by a member of the San Leandro Rod and Gun Club.

In addition, the committee has arranged for several entertainment features, to include musical numbers by dancers from the Valdez and Peggy Studio of Hayward.

Hilites!

Miami, Fla. (AFPS)—Mrs. Marjorie Verona Baughman, in a divorce complaint, charged her husband treated her like a child. She gave her age as 15.

Nashville, Tenn. (AFPS)—Fire prevention week was marked with a parade in which the fire department took part. The festivities were marred by a fire—in the fire house.

Pekin, Ill. (AFPS)—A local pier was damaged when a barge named Franklin D. Roosevelt struck it. Later the pier was again damaged by another barge named—Harry Truman.

Quincy, Mass. (AFPS)—Grocer Samuel Jolas hid the day's receipts in a deep freezer. A thief located it and made off with \$90—cold cash.

Decatur, Ill. (AFPS)—Mrs. Vera J. Gibson, of Mobile, Ala., landed in jail because she couldn't pay a fine. She was charged with creating a disturbance by kissing unsuspecting men in downtown Decatur.

York, Neb. (AFPS)—Enclosed in an anonymous letter, a local druggist found 25 cents. The writer said that 10 years ago he ordered two root beers and walked out without paying.

Long Beach (AFPS)—A man found "resting" beside a downtown office building explained to police that he was "tired of working." His job, he told them, was a "feather separator" for a mattress factory. He was booked on a drunk charge.



Patients of Ward 60-A look approvingly at the Television set that was donated to their ward by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Linehan of San Jose. The Linehan family presented the set to the Navy Recruiting Service in San Jose for delivery to the hospital. Pictured left to right are: Paul A. Smith, ENDI, USN, Clarence V. McDonald, AMSC, USN, Ret., Robert Walker, CSC, USN, of the San Jose Navy Recruiting Service, LT Irene C. Baker, NC, USN, Joseph E. Dilloway, MMC, USN, who accompanied Chief Walker, John L. Baugess, MMC, USN, and Martin D. Johnson, QMC, USN.

After hearing of the hospital's need for radios, the Linehans decided to do something about it. But, they didn't have a radio to give and inquired if a TV set would be acceptable. It goes without saying that the hospital is very grateful for their generosity.

New Navy Manual  
Now In Use

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy now has a new up-to-date "Bible." It's the 14th edition of The Blue-jackets' Manual.

The BJM has come a long way since its introduction to bluejackets back in 1902. With each edition, trends in the ever-changing Navy have been reflected. The 1950 edition is no exception.

The manual, principal authority of introduction to Navy life, has undergone careful screening in the new edition. Since it is used as a prime study source for advancement in rating, the 1950 revision has eliminated all but pertinent and current Navy data.

The captain was lecturing to a class of new officer candidates. "A 40-foot flagpole has fallen down," he said. "You have a boatswain and a detail of 10 men. How do you erect the flagpole again?"

The candidates thought, then offered suggestions about block and tackle, derricks, and so on.

"You're all wrong," said the skipper. "You'd say, 'Boats, get that flagpole up!'"



"From my wife — says stay away from the hot spots!"

PREVIEWS



26 November  
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE—Clifton Webb, Joan Bennett. Comedy. This is a fantasy about a prosperous show business couple that are too interested in their work in the theatre to have children. In order to rectify the situation a number of angels are sent down from heaven to help create the miracle that will convince the couple they should have children. The film deals with the escapades of the heavenly visitors, both in their invisible and materialized forms. It is a hard, tough road the angels follow but they win out in the end and everyone is happy about the whole thing. No rating available.

27 November  
FILE ON THELMA JORDAN—Barbara Stanwyck, Wendell Corey. Melodrama. This is a recently released Paramount production. Received considerable comment from all reviewers and a rating of very good.

28 November  
SOUTHSIDE 1-1000—Don DeFore, Alfred King. Melodrama. This is the story of an ace counterfeiter at work who succeeds in turning out nearly perfect \$10 bills and scattering them all over the country. DeFore, a Treasury agent, finds it necessary to mix with the gang to find the head man. How he squirms out of a precarious situation when they discover his true identity is something to see. Rated excellent by reviewers.

29 November  
LIGHTNING GUNS—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette. Melodrama. This film will not be released to the general public until December so no rating is available.

30 November  
HIT PARADE OF 1951—John Carroll, Marie McDonald. Musical. This is a good musical giving the listener a chance to enjoy some of the latest hits. In the story, Carroll plays the part of a gambler, who also is quite a crooner. He loses his girlfriend, Miss McDonald, after losing heavily in gambling. Assuming the role of a crooner he wins her back although gambling on the side. Everything works out fine in the end with Carroll and Miss McDonald being married. Rated good.

1 December  
EDGE OF DOOM—Dana Andrews, Faye Granger. Drama. This is a newly released RKO production with Andrews and Granger playing their parts to perfection. A serious plot keeps the audience interested throughout. Rated excellent by reviewers.

2 December  
TELL IT TO THE JUDGE—Russell, Robert Cummings. Comedy. This is a new release with plenty of laughs for all. Although not the best of its kind it received a rating of very good from all reviewers.





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## Dance Highlights EM Center Commissioning Ceremonies



### Full House On Opening Night

A turnout of 250 enlisted personnel and guests attended the grand opening of the newly commissioned Enlisted Staff Recreation Center last Monday night, and the general consensus was, "plenty good—a swell thing."

Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, and Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, spoke to the gathering after they had officially commissioned the center.

Larry Capelli and his orchestra entertained with their smooth music as the couples glided over the new tile dance floor. Most staff dances will be held at the center in the future. A juke box will provide music for dancing at all times, except when special dances are held.

Monday night's opening provided all present with free refreshments, and 20 lucky first nighters won free turkeys which were given away as door prizes.

Winners of turkeys given away were A. Basta, F. J. Cahill, J. A. Faulkner, T. B. Franklin, L. M. Freese, F. C. Galloway, A. Hall, B. G. Innès, H. R. Mayette, A. W. McClain, D. H. McClung, W. J. McMillen, N. D. McNair, B. G. Norman, L. A. Parkin, L. L. Sills, F. E. Stewart, F. H. Allen, R. I. Weaver, and C. W. Willits, Jr.

A beautiful bar with a spanking new television set drew high praise from all in attendance, and it was learned that free beer will be served at the center on special occasions.

The center, completely redecorated in a beautiful green color scheme, with attractive drapes and furniture, will be open from 1630 to 2330 on weekdays, and from 1300 to 2330 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays

'Twas a big night for all last Monday at the opening of the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center. In photo 1, l to r, are Lacy T. Edwards, HMC, Capt. S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, Lt. Rufus L. Thompson, MSC, USN, Welfare and Recreation Department, and Capt. E. H. Dickenson, Chief of Surgery. Photo 2 shows a group taking advantage of the free refreshments; photo 3 pictures the dance floor crowded with couples; photo 4 catches Larry Cappelli and his band during one of their melodic selections; photo 5 shows the lineup at the bar; photo 6 shows the bartenders R. A. Hermanson, HM3, and G. E. Papadakis, none the worse for wear after their night's work.

### Santa Claus Will Pay \$1,000 for Accident

St. Louis, Mo. (AFPS)—A few days prior to Christmas, 1949, a department store Santa and a young admirer were discussing the important business of toys when, suddenly, clunk! Santa's friend slid from the rotund lap and whacked his skull against the floor.

The ensuing suit, recently settled, awarded the child's parents \$500 and an additional \$500 to act as balm for the bump.

### Red Cross Open House In Lounge, 6 December

Staff personnel at the hospital are cordially invited to view the newly decorated and refurnished Red Cross Recreation Lounge and its facilities in Building 132 on Wednesday, 6 December from 1600 to 1730. Refreshments will be served.

### Gift Wrapping Center in Community Service Bldg.

Patients desiring to have Christmas parcels wrapped can do so by bringing their packages to the Cloakroom adjacent to the auditorium in the Community Service Building any day, Monday through Friday, from 0930 to 1600. This service, under the direction of Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon, will be in effect until 22 December. Bed patients can have their packages delivered by the Red Cross worker on their ward.

### Three-Day Liberty Over Coming Holidays

Special holiday liberty and leave schedules will be in effect this Christmas and New Year's the Executive Officer announced last week.

The liberty schedule will be as follows:

Starboard Watch will rate liberty over the Christmas holidays beginning 0830 Saturday, 23 December and ending at 0800 Tuesday, 26 December. Port Watch will receive liberty over New Year's from 0830 Saturday, 30 December until 0800 Tuesday, 2 January. If a standby is obtained, liberty may commence after duty is completed on Friday.

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

About fifty years ago when Lieutenant Ernest Shackleton was exploring the Antarctic regions, his ship went aground on Elephant Island. With five volunteers he made a small boat and set out to find relief for the twenty-three other members of his crew.

For more than seven hundred miles they battled their way through blinding storms. Finally they reached a whaling station. After rest and refreshment they strove to bring help to their shipmates marooned on Elephant Island. The first attempt failed. Second and third efforts were also in vain. Then a fourth time they tried—and succeeded. It was four months from the time they had set out from their stranded ship.

The amazing thing, however, is that all during those four months the twenty-three sailors had never lost hope. Matches and salt were their only supplies. Penguins and seals were their only food. Yet, their faith in their captain never faltered. They were sure, they said, that if he were still alive, he would come to save them. And come he did—after four weary months of hardship and privation.

This is a picture of the world before the coming of Christ. The whole human race was marooned, separated from God. But the Almighty had promised to send a Saviour in the Person of His divine Son—our Captain—Jesus Christ. From the time of that promise to the day of its fulfillment, four thousand years passed by, four thousand years of longing, and hoping, and praying for His coming. The faithful adorers of the one true God were sure that He would come to save them. When He finally came they were ready for His coming, His Advent.

That is the meaning of the church season which begins this Sunday. During Advent we await the coming of Christ. These four weeks before Christmas represent the four thousand years the chosen people of God waited for the Advent of Christ at the first Christmas. Of course, Christ came 1950 years ago, but the purpose of Advent—the season of preparation—is to take us back to the Christ-less, Redeemer-less years before Bethlehem. The purpose is to make us realize by contrast, how cold and barren, how hungry and miserable man was, and can be now, without Christ.

Of course, all preparation for Christmas must be thoughtful preparation. Know why we celebrate. Know why the joy. Know why the four weeks of preparation. Know why the coming of Christ means so much to the world, and above all, why it means so much to you. Express it in the type of Christmas cards you send. Be sure they have reference to Christ, and not something pagan. Do not write "Xmas."

All this will take a little quiet thought now and then. Think also of the sailors in the story longing and praying for their captain to come and save them. In the same way, long and pray for the coming of Christ into your heart on Christmas Day.

A. T. WALLACE, Catholic Chaplain.

## Divine Services

## Protestant:

Chaplain—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade

Sunday—

Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward

40-A.

## Catholic:

Chaplain—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.

Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

## Staff Grieved by Death of Shipmate

Staff members and patients who knew Thomas R. Baker, HN, during the months he had been at Oak Knoll will remember him for his diligent work as a staff corpsman on Ward 66-A and because he was a good shipmate and friend. His death Tuesday morning as a result of an automobile accident was a shock to the station.

All hands extend sympathy to his wife, Billie Maureen, and baby daughter, Lynda Ruth, three weeks old.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**LIKE TO DANCE???** Do you like to dance? If so, and if you would like an evening to step out, visit the Red Cross Lounge on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If you are interested but don't dance, why not join the representatives of Veloz and Yolanda on Tuesday afternoons and learn your favorite dance step. They teach the rhumba, samba, jitterbug, and the waltz. Don't say, "it looks easy" but see for yourself how it is done. . .

**THREE NUTS AND A BOLT:** No, this isn't an item about the craft shop but a description of the King Cole Trio who played on several of the wards last week, and in the evening entertained in the auditorium. Walter Winchell has named them as one of the great discoveries in the show world of 1950. They sing songs popular today and parodies from some years ago. The patients enjoyed them because they were able to play all the request numbers. And did you notice that the pianist stood while playing even the most difficult "Bumble Boogie?"

### DOODLES AND SPIDER! ! !

What do these names mean to you? They are headliners in their field of entertainment and now coming to the Red Cross Lounge on Wednesday, 6 December, are Moffet and Cobb, who will entertain you with the same type of chatter and song. Several years ago they would have been billed as pantomime artists but in the modern trend these young men give out with gestures symbolizing the songs of Spike Jones, Schnozzle Durante, and other comedians.

**CLASSICAL RECORD HOUR:** Do you enjoy listening to Classical Records? The lounge has a wonderful new long-playing record attachment and a very fine collection of operas and symphonies, as well as many other types of classical records.

## Leave and Liberty

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For off-duty section watches and CPOs, Christmas liberty will begin 1600 Friday 22 December, ending 0800 Tuesday, 26 December. New Year's liberty will begin 1600 Friday, 29 December, and last until 2 January, at 0800.

Off-duty staff officers will receive the same liberty as CPO's except it will end at 0830.

Both enlisted and officer patients will rate liberty from 1600 Friday, 22 December till 0800 Tuesday, 26 December for Christmas, and for New Year's from 1600 Friday, 29 December to 0800 Tuesday, 2 January.

Barring unforeseen international developments and subject to conditions in the hospital at the time, the following leave schedule will be placed in effect for Christmas and New Year's:

**a. Staff Enlisted Personnel:** In general, staff enlisted personnel will be granted leave over two periods as follows: from the end of working hours on Thursday, 21 December, 1950, until 0800 Wednesday, 27 December, 1950, and from the end of working hours Thursday, 28 December, 1950, until 0800 Wednesday, 3 January, 1951. In order that this may be accomplished, it may be necessary for certain men and women taking leave over Christmas to have those taking leave over New Year's to stand by for them, and vice versa. A similar arrangement may be nec-

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

19 November

SHERBURNE, Steven Gary, to wife of

Charles Sherburne, EN2, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

HULSEY, Constance Ann, to wife of

Lonnie Hulse, AK2, 5 pounds, 30 ounces.

PHELPS, Patricia Carol, to wife of Er-

nest Phelps, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

LA HAIE, Sharon Lynn, to wife of

Eugene La Haie, SHSN, 8 pounds.

CROMWELL, Craig Vance, to wife of

John Cromwell, Set, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

20 November

NELSON, Boy, to wife of George Nel-

son, BM2, 3 pounds, 6 ounces.

SMITH, George Owen, to wife of John

Smith, HM3, 7 pounds.

21 November

RICE, Michael Russell, to wife of Don-

ald Rice, Pfc, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

MAYNARD, Charles Edmund, to wife

of Edmund Maynard, EN3, 9 pounds, 4

ounces.

LOHFINK, Catherine Elizabeth, to wife

of John Lohfink, SA, 4 pounds, 11 ounces.

MEDEIROS, Joseph Michael, Jr., to

wife of Joseph Madeiros, Cpl, 8 pounds,

10 ounces.

22 November

ALIANO, Louise Ann, to wife of Se-

bastian Aliano, BMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

PHILLIPS, Richard Oliver, to wife of

Wendell Phillips, HM2, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

23 November

HUFFMAN, Steven Douglas, to wife of

James Huffman, RDSN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

HULTS, Curtis Benjamin, II, to wife

of Curtis Hults, GMC, 6 pounds, 14

ounces.

DAVIS, Arthur Gerald, II, to wife of

Arthur Davis, RM3, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

LAWSON, Linda Lee, to wife of Charles

Lawson, BM1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

24 November

MOORE, Paula Anne, to wife of Rich-

ard Moore, HMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

HOFFMAN, Janice Diane, to wife of

Richard Hoffman, LTJG, 5 pounds, 2

ounces.

DUWALDT, Deborah Jeanne, to wife of

Behrend DuWaldt, ENS, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

DEAN, Anita Ellen, to wife of Robert

Dean, AM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

TOVIK, Nicholas Leonard, to wife of

Martin Tovik, YNC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

BONHAM, William Edward, to wife

of Robert Bonham, GM1, 6 pounds, 10

ounces.

25 November

MILLER, Anda Lynn, to wife of Han-

old Miller, RMSN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

VAIL, Bruce Campbell, to wife of Mal-

colm Vail, LTJG, 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

MINOR, Philip Lee Allen, II, to wife

of Philip Minor, LTJG, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

## Federal Workers to Frolic Friday Night

A big treat is in store for staff members and their friends who turn out Friday night for the Federal Employees dance at Rockridge Women's Club, 5682 Keith Avenue, Oakland.

Jack Terry's orchestra has been engaged to provide a variety of dance music, and a team of expert folk dancers will be on hand to lead a lively series of folk and square dances.

Tickets are only 50 cents, which includes the price of admission and a chance on a beautiful Guardian Service Deluxe electric roaster that will be given away as a door prize. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Anna P. Stone, Agent Cashier for the hospital and secretary of NFFE Local Number 496, is in charge of arrangements for the dance.

essary in the case of those standing section watches.

**b. Officer Personnel:** Staff officer personnel, including nurses and interns, may be granted leave for the same periods and subject to the same conditions as described above.

**c. Patients:** Patients, subject to the approval of their ward medical officers, may be granted leave during the holiday period.



## Who's Who . . .

One of Oak Knoll's older Reserves as far as time is concerned is **Ecil F. Gray, HM1**. You will find him leaning over a desk in the Officer Personnel section of the Record Office.



Gray, who was born in Bradford, Arkansas, first enlisted in the Navy in Jonesboro in May, 1942. He served five years and nine months during that enlistment, being stationed overseas a great part of the time. After being discharged, he joined the Reserve and was called back to active duty last September, arriving at Oak Knoll 29 September from Treasure Island.

Gray's home has been in Vallejo, California for some time where his wife, Betty, and two children, Ecilia Ann, age 5, and Stephen Lynn, age 2, still live. As a civilian he worked as an operator for the C & H Sugar Refining Corporation.

His favorite recreational activities are bowling, baseball, and football.

**William R. Van Atta, HM2**, is one of the several members of the staff serving their second tour of duty at this hospital. Serving here in 1946 as a member of the Regular Navy he returned to Oak Knoll 14 November this year as a Reserve. His present detail is in the Staff Personnel Office.

Van Atta is a native Californian, born in Anaheim and living within the state all his life, except for his time overseas in the Navy.

Before coming back on duty this time, William was attending the California Polytechnic College where he hopes to return some day.

His off-duty time is spent in doing "whatever proves interesting." This is mainly tennis and billiards, he says.

One of the few Regulars left on the station is **W. M. Fehlman, HM3**, who spends his working hours in Surgery II. Fehlman, who was born in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, enlisted in the Navy in October 1948 in Omaha, Nebraska. From there he went to San Diego to "boot camp" and Corps School, and arrived at Oak Knoll in April, 1949.



Before enlisting in the service, he worked for the U. S. Forestry Service and also spent some time as a clerk for the Walthill, Nebraska First National Bank.

Fehlman has found Surgery an interesting place to work but says it keeps you plenty busy. When he isn't on duty he likes to spend his time traveling and resting.

His favorite recreational activities are football, and basketball. He was a three year letterman in both sports in school.

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**OVERHEARD:** Georgia "Peach" Dalton to a crony: "That Bob Grubb is a dream of a dancer!" Besides good dancers, Georgia likes high-powered cars.

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** Cute little Mary Hanlon was seen at the airport giving an affectionate farewell to a friend (male, of course)—Andy McClain will now have someone with whom he can discuss trends in pedagogy. Jean Naylor, HM3, is a former instructor at the U. of California—Seen at the Cal-Stanford "Big Game" were Bob Innes, Jeanne Banks, Lou Freese, and George Wright. —Hughes McBriarity feels right at home with all the Army patients around the base. He was a "doggie" for awhile before he saw the light and joined the Navy—The Legal Dept's "Lizzie" Tom (Tommy to you all) is sure that "Santa Claus" is going to give her something black and sheer, and oh, so "soxy"—Harvey Poulson and his B. W. drove to Utah to nibble on their turkey. They made it, both ways, after many detours; but that's what they like, detours!—Al Avellar munched on his drumstick in "beautiful" Merced (that's a town in California; if you're in doubt, see a map)—CHPCLK John Alden, the man who gives you your money on payday, was seen cruising down L. A. way last week end in his snappy convertible—Katie Robinson is another one of those people who indulge in fish stories. She says she goes fishing almost every week end, but no one has ever seen her with even a minnow. Now, tell us, just what do you do, Katie?—Arlene Normington's car was wrecked not so long ago. It's back this week; so now she can begin all over again—Vivian Stockdale, a new WAVE, wants to go to sea. Just how salty can you get, girl!—George Ramsey's wife is back from the East, so he'll have to start staying in now—Could it be because Sig Gerry X-rays only women that they call him "Casanova"—Bob Gortz brought his TV set on board last week, and everyone is wondering if he's going to charge the government for its use—Bill Larsen is another one who blames things on animals. He says he goes pheasant hunting but all we've noted are his blood-shot eyes—Alice Basnett Kerr, the pretty blonde at X-ray, has "retired" to civilian life—she's going to raise a family instead of little X-rays—Stanley "Rubenstein" Miller will one day be famous and not because of his work in the Record Office, but because of his piano artistry. You should hear him bang away at those 99 keys; just like a genius!—The Pharmacy gang are up to new tricks. They're growing mustaches this week, and the first one to shave treats the rest. Frankly, I think they're all understudies at "The Drunkard."

**EM CLUB DANCE:** J. W. Bennett had a little clinging vine wrapped around his big shoulders at the opening dance of the Club—Ed Rockafella was with the prettiest redhead I've seen in a long time—Pretty Melba Innes went home early. After seeing her, I can see why Bob wouldn't leave her around alone.—Marv Al-

## Ten Machine Gun Bullets Fail To Stop Marine In Heroic Rescue Effort

Pfc. Charles R. Dingler, USMC, of Ward 70-A is becoming quite adept as a wheel-chair "jockey" these days, but it was not too long ago that Charlie was hanging on for dear life with only a continuous flow of blood, from volunteer blood donors, keeping him going.

Charlie was a member of the First Marine Division when it made the Inchon landings. He was just another guy, age 20, getting his first taste of war. On 16 September, near Kimpo Airfield, he and a Marine Corps lieutenant captured 46 North Koreans while out on patrol. The next day Charlie and the officer went out alone again. The terrain was much different from that around Cedartown, Georgia, Charlie's hometown. It was hilly, and the road he and the lieutenant were traveling was crooked than a spent tube of toothpaste.

Suddenly, as they rounded a bend in the road, a burst of machine gun fire greeted them. The lieutenant dropped with three bullets in his chest. Charlie felt a burning sensation in his right leg, but he made it to a ditch beside the road. Bullets whined over his head, and he could hear the lieutenant moaning. If someone didn't get him to cover, the reds would cut him to pieces. Charlie rushed to the wounded officer's aid.



Pfc. Charles R. Dingler

He got the lieutenant back to the safety of the ditch, but not before he had been hit nine more times himself.

Since that day, Charlie has had 35 pints of blood and plasma given to him, and he has gone through four operations. There's still one more operation to go for this hard-fighting, soft-spoken Marine, and full recovery is not far ahead. The last Charlie heard of the lieutenant, he was recovering in a Naval hospital in Japan.



**Tiny McClure**, 300 pound "Mr. Big of Show Business," supported by the "Three Loose Nuts and a Bolt," had the station auditorium rocking, literally and figuratively, last Wednesday night. McClure is pictured stomping out one of his be-bop specials. Backing up McClure, a big job in any man's league, were the "3 Loose Nuts and a Bolt" from the Irish Club. This solid rhythm combo consisted of Eddie Cole and Mrs. Cole massaging the ivories, Burt Payne strumming the guitar, "Jelly Bean" Johnson beating the skins, and "Basie" plunking the bass. A special feature was the singing of Mrs. Cole, accompanied by her husband on the piano.

derman and his Mrs. were roving around the dance floor—Master-At-Arms Allen dropped his badge, picked up his woman, and was cutting a rug—Talk about beauties, Mark Lewis knows how to pick 'em—Wonder how many beers it took before D. A. Desler mustered up enough courage to ask for a dance—The door prizes were turkeys and as usual most of them were won by bachelors. Lou Freese is looking for someone to cook his turkey—Joe Schodl was doing something that looked like the "Texas Stomp."

## Officers' Wives to Entertain Husbands

An Officers' Wives' husbands' party will be held at the Club on Tuesday, 15 December at 1800, and wives of station officers are reminded to make their reservations no later than 5 December. Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. L. F. Snyder, 9012 Barcelona Street, Oakland, phone, LOckhaven 2-1432.

The party will consist of a cocktail hour followed by buffet supper.





The American League had a rousing session last Tuesday evening as the CPO's dropped the MAA's from the unbeaten ranks by taking a clean sweep 4-0, while Laundry and Nite Crew were battling it out to a tie, 2-2.

With Chief Wilson leading the way with a three-game total of 502, the Chiefs swept through to a perfect night over the previously undefeated MAA's. High one game honors went to Nelson of the "Policemen" however, as he bowled a 200 in his second game.

The match was a tough one for the MAA's as in the second game they bowled the third highest team total of the tournament only to lose by nine pins, as the Chiefs bowled the second highest game of the tournament. The Chiefs also hold honors for the highest team total in the tournament.

Laundry and Nite Crew keggers held an evenly matched meeting as each took two points. Diehl was high man in the match as he took honors for high three game total as well as knocking down the most pins in one game. His three game total was 476, with his high game being 178.

The National League did not meet during the past week because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Next Tuesday evening, 5 December, the American League will meet for their fourth round with CPO No. 1 meeting Nite Crew and the MAA's taking on the Lab. On Thursday, 7 December, the National League will feature the CPO No. 2 team against Welfare and Recreation, and the Nurses battling it out with X-ray.

Bowlers are beginning to get warmed up to their task now and some good bowling is expected throughout the rest of the tournament.

In Paris they're singing that Broadway hit tune, "I Wasn't Pushed, Eiffel."

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## Oak Knoll Upsets Moffett 32-7; Move Into First Place In District

In a contest which saw more runs for the rule book than for yardage, the resident six-man footballers easily subdued a barking, but biteless, Moffett Field sextet, 32-7, last Tuesday on the Oak Knoll greensward.

Penalties prevailed as the officials had a day for themselves. One of the striped shirts complained of shin splints after the game, but was happy for the exercise he received while marking off yardage against the teams.

The win assured the Knollites of at least a tie for the 12th Naval District League Championship, and if they can beat Treasure Island's Electronics Materiel School, they will become undisputed champions.

It would be hard to single out any one star in Tuesday's donnybrook. Perhaps it suffices to say that it was a team effort. Oak Knoll needed the win to put them in undisputed possession of first place. If Moffett had won, it would have tied them with the Hospitalmen. As it stands now, they are eliminated from any possibility of the championship.

It took the Knollites exactly eight minutes to dent the scoring column. With the ball on their own 25, Moffett took to the air. After two completions, Williams' next toss was intercepted by Papadakis of Oak Knoll on the Moffett 30. "Pappy" wasn't brought down until he had reached the Moffett two, and on the next play, Johnny Johnson spotted C. E. Young in the flat, and hit him with an aerial for six points. Worsham passed to Young for the conversion and the hospital crew led 7-0.

After the kickoff which went out of bounds, and a 15-yard penalty against Oak Knoll for an illegal block, Moffett once again took to the air. But once again Papadakis pilfered the hide, and Oak Knoll had possession on their own 35.

Young skirted end for 10 yards on the first play. Johnson made 15 on a fake pass and end sweep, and after Worsham hit center for five, and a Johnson to Irvine pass netted six, Young bolted through the middle for eight yards and another touchdown. Johnson's successful conversion pass to Irvine put the Knollites into the lead, 14-0. This score took place 13 minutes into the first half.

The next seven minutes saw both teams exchanging the ball after unsuccessful drives, and the half ended with the hospital still leading, 14-0.

On the opening kickoff of the second half, Young scooted 65 yards down the sidelines for an apparent touchdown, but the score was nullified by an illegal block on the 40. Oak Knoll started on their own 20, and sparked by Johnson's passing and the running of Young, plus a 15-yard penalty against Moffett, they found themselves with a first down on the Moffett 10-yard line. On first down Johnson hit center, cut to his left and found daylight for Oak Knoll's third touchdown. The conversion failed and Oak Knoll led 20-0, two minutes into the second half.

After one exchange following the kickoff, Johnson spotted Ed Estrada on the Moffett 25 and hit the plucky hospital center with a 15-yard heave. Estrada carried to the 23 and a first down. After two short passes from Johnson to Papadakis and Irvine respectively, Worsham passed from the

## Oakland Rams Play Fremont AC Here

Football, of the eleven man tackling variety, makes its appearance on the hospital football field this Sunday at 1330, when the Oakland Rams lock horns with the Fremont Athletic Club.

Both teams are members of the Northern California Amateur Athletic League, one of the fastest football circuits in the nation. This will be the first meeting between the two clubs this year, and it promises to be a knock down, drag out affair from start to finish.

Bitter, inter-city rivals, the two clubs have been pointing for each other since the season opened, and for Fremont it will be a chance to avenge the 9-6 loss it suffered at the hands of the Rams last season. That game was played at Yuba City, and even with the lack of provincial interest, that contest drew 1500 satisfied fans.

Many players from both teams have played under the banners of various colleges, and several of them have had professional experience.

The Rams outweigh the Fremonters by a large margin, but the latter's swift running attack has the knack of vaulting the toughest of defenses. The public has been invited to attend, and it is suggested that those going to the game get down to the field early enough to get a good spot to watch the clash.

The Fremont aggregation, coached by Jess Hensley, is led by 200 pound tackle Jack Schantin, a former Marine, who played first string tackle for the St. Mary's Oil Bowl team in 1946.

18 to Irvine. Irvine, receiving on the swing of a buttonhook, raced to the five and lateraled to Young who traveled the rest of the way for a touchdown. With seven minutes gone in the half, the conversion failed, and Oak Knoll led 26-0.

Five minutes later, Moffett found themselves knocking on paydirt's door, but the best they could do was reach the hospital three-yard line. On fourth down, Williams spotted Teel by himself in the end zone, but the pass went wild, and Oak Knoll took over.

After kicking out of trouble, the hospitalmen let their defense sag just long enough for Williams, Norris and Teel to run and pass their way to the hospital 15-yard line. A Williams pass to Wilson in the end zone, and a successful conversion made the score 26-7.

Moffett tried an on-side kickoff, but it backfired on them. Papadakis gathered the porkhide in on his own 20, and hipper-dipped his way for 60 yards and a touchdown. The conversion was no good and Oak Knoll held on to win 32-7. In the last minutes of play, neither team could score.

Everything you tell a woman goes in one ear and over the back fence.

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll showed a gain of 28 during the week of 22 to 29 November, as 32 new staff members reported aboard and four were detached.

Detached were CDR H. E. Reitz, to U. S. Naval Dispensary, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.; LTJG Bella M. Fritz, to U.S. Naval Station Adak, Alaska; R. F. Lucas, HMC, to USS Harverson (DER 316); and P. R. Sulzberger, HM2, to Fleet Marine Force, Camp Pendleton, California.

Reporting aboard were CDR J. J. Engelfried, from Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; LT Violet M. Nelson, from USS General B. M. Randall (TAP 115); LT's Dorothy R. Dreyer, and Anna M. Hausbeck, from civilian life; LT Jessie V. Bucher, from U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, N. H.; LTJG J. G. Whitney, from USS Lenawee (APA 195); LTJG's Dorothy Lukowski, Esther A. Deckert, Inabelle L. Doolan, Esther C. Fabiszak, Evelyn M. Hanks, Irene F. Bathazar, and Dorothy B. Cohen, from civilian life; LTJG J. W. Harris, from civilian life; ENS D. L. Phelps, from U. S. Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, HMI J. E. Cobb, C. M. McCurdy, and J. E. Garner, from USNRS, Treasure Island; R. Spatz, HM2, (W), from NTC, San Diego, California; HM2's V. Brontley, A. D. Hurd, and G. I. Wagoner, from USNRS, Treasure Island; A. A. Badolata, HM3, (W), from Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; HM3's M. D. Hanlon, (W), J. Naylor, (W), J. M. Johnson, (W), and J. M. Donahue, HN's N. R. Targon, D. M. Hardy, J. H. Wilson, and L. M. Wright, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California; and J. C. Warren, DTGDN, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.



- 3 December  
THE WEST POINT STORY—James Cagney, Virginia Mayo, Doris Day, Gordon MacRea.
- 4 December  
THE EAGLE AND THE HAWK (Color)—John Payne, Rhonda Fleming.
- 5 December  
KANSAS RAIDERS (Color)—Audie Murphy, Brian Donlevy.
- 6 December  
TRIGGERS, JR. (Color)—Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, WESTERN.
- 7 December  
SURRENDER—Vera Ralston, John Carroll.
- 8 December  
WATCH THE BIRDIE—Red Skelton, Arlene Dahl.
- 9 December  
MISS GRANT TAKES RICHMOND—Lucille Ball, William Holden.

## C.P.O. Club Activities

### U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL

- Saturday, Dec. 2—Dance and Buffet Supper, Orchestra
- Saturday, Dec. 9—Dance and Buffet Supper, Orchestra
- Friday, Dec. 15—Bingo
- Saturday, Dec. 16—Dance and Buffet Supper
- Saturday, Dec. 23—Dance
- Friday, Dec. 29—Bingo
- Sunday, New Year's Party — Dance and Buffet Supper





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Among distinguished visitors (right above) who viewed facilities of the new Artificial Limb Department with the Commanding Officer were Rear Admiral Murrey L. Royar, Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, Mrs. O. H. Wheeler, and Rear Admiral R. S. Davis, who paused on Ward 42A for a chat with Pfc J. B. Wheeler, USMC, Korea casualty.

Demonstrating various phases of the rehabilitation program for amputees is LTJG Sarah Griffin, who puts J. W. Dansby, AO1, Casper, Wyoming, through his paces (left above). Tom Singles, FN, Omaha, Nebraska, (center above) does it with mirrors, as he talks with J. L. Allen, AOC, who tests his two prosthetic legs with the help of walking bars in the lower left photograph, while J. M. O'Maley, DCC, Kokomo, Indiana, gets instruction in arm exercises from LTJG Ruth E. Fabian.



Push-ups are part of the daily routine for Gerald D. Kelly, FA, amputee patient from Seattle, Washington. His instructor is Richard A. Bridge, HM2.



## Artificial Limb Center Holds Official Opening

The hospital's Artificial Limb Department was officially opened on 29 November with a large crowd of interested visitors in attendance. For many of those present it was "homecoming day," since it was through the efforts of the department that they have been able to resume the normal four-limbed actions of everyday life.

Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, and CDR Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN, Director of the Artificial Limb Department, were hosts to those who were shown step-by-step, the process an amputee goes through before he gets back "on his feet" and leaves the hospital.

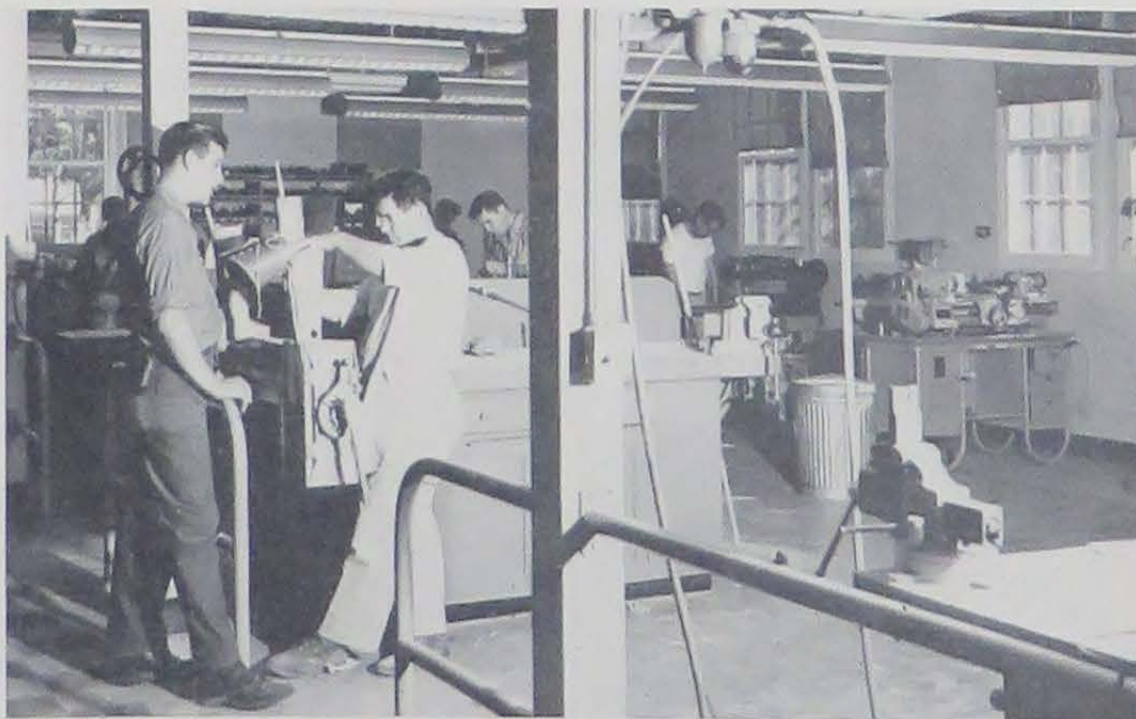
Visitors saw how the artificial limb department manufactures arms and legs to meet the needs of each indi-

vidual amputee. The latest discoveries in prosthetic devices were shown and explained. One of these was the newly-perfected suction-type socket for artificial legs, which require no harness to the stump.

Guests were shown the cosmetic coverings of life-like rubber and plastic used to cover mechanical finger and leg areas and were taken through the department's workshops to see the tools and dyes used to create new limbs.

In the physio-therapy department, the visitors had a chance to see, first hand, the results of the department's work. Amputees demonstrated the steps they undergo in their training, and in the occupational therapy department amputees showed that with

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### WHAT'S THE IDEA

What's the idea of all this excitement at this time of the year, anyway? Who started all this business of decorating homes and stores, and even streets, this mad rush to buy this or that, these parties and feasts, these telegrams and telephone calls to loved ones far away?

Oh, we say, it's Christmas! Okay—it's Christmas—so what? Why should Christmas be the occasion for doing all these things? What, or why, is Christmas? Where did the idea come from and what does Christmas really mean?

Did it ever occur to you that the only source of knowledge we have about the origin and meaning of Christmas is to be found in a single book—the world's best-selling, but perhaps most-neglected book—the Bible, the Word of God?

Well, that's a fact! There we read that "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law" (Galatians 4:4-5). Other Scriptural records prophesy His coming into the world hundreds and even thousands of years before He appeared. They even tell us why He was to come, and many of the details of His life and death, and they definitely predict that He will rise from the dead, and that in some future date after that He would come back to the earth a second time.

When the great event was about to take place, great preparations in Heaven and earth for His advent are carefully described. Finally THE all-important day arrived—that first Christmas! What happened? Just another little baby born into the world—and in a stable, at that? No! it was Emmanuel, which means "God with us." He was also given the name "Jesus," which means "Saviour." He was also called "Christ," which means "Messiah," or "Deliverer."

No ordinary Babe was He, but God the Lord Himself, veiled in human flesh. As such, His own mother worshipped Him, the lowly shepherds came to worship Him, the very angels of Heaven worshipped Him. And wise men of that day journeyed a great distance just to fall down at this Baby's feet and worship Him.

He only is wise today who does likewise. Fall down and worship this holy Infant, the Christ-child, the God-man, today. He is the only meaning and explanation of Christmas. If He is not the very heart and core and center of your Christmas, all else is sheer mockery and blasphemy. The wise men brought gifts to HIM. What gift will you lay at His sacred, wounded feet, pierced for your sins and mine? "My son, give Me thine heart" is still His call today, and the greatest gift that you can give Him. May Christ Himself be your Christmas indeed!

E. L. WADE

Protestant Chaplain

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade

Sunday—

Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Monday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward

40-A.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.

Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.

## Best Sellers Available At Station Library

The THETA TAU THETA SOCIETY, ZETA ALPHA CHAPTER, VISALIA, CALIFORNIA, donated these books to the crew's library:

ROOSEVELT IN RETROSPECT, John Gunther; DIANETICS, Hubbard; ANYBODY CAN DO ANYTHING, Betty MacDonald; COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY, Webster.

Other new books include: J. Frank Dobie's **TONGUES OF THE MONTH**, stories, legends, ballads, etc. collected in Mexico; **RAINBOW IN THE ROYALS**, a new sea story by Garland Roark, author of *Wake of the Red Witch*; **A TREASURY OF RUSSIAN LITERATURE**; a new suspense novel, **TORCH FOR A DARK JOURNEY**, by Lionel Shapiro, author of *The Sealed Verdict*; and Thomas F. Woodlock's **THE CATHOLIC PATTERN**.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**Musicians and Fans:** Musicians and fans have their DAY every week day in the Music Room at the Red Cross Lounge where famous "combos" have been formed. Maybe not the ones you're thinking of—but good! Meet fellow musicians and if you like bop, sweet, blue, or hillbilly music there is someone else who likes it too! **BAND INSTRUMENTS** may be signed out and you can record your own performance to send home or improve your skill. Trumpets, clarinets, trombones, saxophones, bass fiddle, and electric guitars are all popular and the bass drums get a regular workout. Plenty of guitars, fiddles, banjos, and mandolins are in constant use as are the ukeles recently made popular by Arthur Godfrey on his radio show.

**For Camera Fans:** If you take a good picture and then complain that it was developed and printed too dark or too light, or that enlargements are too expensive, don't blame the photo service that you use; blame yourself! Paper, chemicals, enlargers, and expert instruction are available at the Red Cross Dark Room, Building 32 (in the lounge). The hours are 1900 to 2100 on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings.

**Texas:** If you should be passing by Ward 45A and hear much commotion on the solarium with a twang of Texas accent in the air, you would discover **Arthur B. Farr, AA, Ed R. Fisher, EN3, Pfc Donald V. Crosta, Patrick Rice, SKSM, and Robert N. Hall, SA**, sitting around working on ship models. Hall is from Fairbanks, Alaska, and has nary a chance to describe his home town when Fall-furria, Dallas, and Breckenridge, Texas are mentioned. They are assembling these various models ranging from an aircraft carrier to a tin-can at a speed that would be seen in Santa Claus's workshop this time of year.

**Snow Ball:** To initiate the merry holiday season there will be a dance in the auditorium on Tuesday, 12 December. The Tuesday and Thursday evening hostesses will be there in their gay party dresses. Patients, come on over and bring your ward pal for some fun. It will begin at 1930 and lights out at 2215. Bob Fairweather and his well-known Bay Area orchestra will provide the music. **Put This Date On Your Must Calendar!!!**

**Christmas Music and Carols:** Sunday afternoon, 10 December, Fremont High School students will present a Christmas program in the Red Cross Lounge at 1430. They will sing all your favorite carols.

**Dad's Club Variety Show:** On Friday, 1 December, twenty patients were seen on their way in station wagons to the Alameda High School auditorium to witness the yearly efforts of the Dad's Club of Alameda. The variety show was a series of acts and their impersonations equalled that of some of our leading screen stars. The men reported that they laughed "till their sides ached."

**Important Service:** The Christmas Package Wrapping Service sponsored by the **Officers' Wives and Chiefs' Wives Clubs of Oak Knoll, Navy Welfare and Recreation**, and the Red Cross, is open. Where??? In the room adjacent to the auditorium in the Community Service Building. This service is open especially for patients and staff enlisted men so bring your

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

26 November

WOOD, Jane Marie, to wife of Wallace Wood, DC1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

SNIDER, Boy, to wife of Alfred Snider, LCDR, 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

HUPP, Janet Kay, to wife of Robert Hupp, EN2, 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

JACOBS, Audrey Wanda, to wife of Harry Jacobs, CBM, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

FAIIVAE, Virginia Polotu, to wife of Tani Faiivae, BM1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

MORGAN, David Burrell, to wife of James Morgan, ETC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

GRAHN, Rosanna Lee, to wife of Alvin Grahn, GMC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

MCCLURE, Timothy Michael, to wife of Arnold McClure, AK2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

28 November

AYLWARD, Richard C., to wife of George Aylward, AMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

SCHNEIDERS, Thomas Joseph, to wife of Joseph Schneiders, LTJG, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

MIX, Rebecca Lynn, to wife of Arthur Mix, LCDR, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

WALL, Jasper Orville, Jr., to wife of Jasper Wall, PRC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

BAKER, Michael William, to wife of Hal Baker, SH3, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

MEEHAN, Girl, to wife of Robert Meehan, Sgt, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

29 November

SIBLEY, Girl, to wife of Irvin Sibley, TEM3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

STEVENS, Girl, to wife of William Stevens, TE3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

SMITHEE, Stephen Bruce, to wife of Bruce Smith, LT, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

PILCHER, Roberta Elizabeth, to wife of Robert Pilcher, CSC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

TICE, Richard Ellis, to wife of Lee Ray Tice, DK3, 5 pounds.

DAVIS, Gerald Clifford, Jr., to wife of Gerald Davis, AT2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

30 November

JOHNSON, Wayne Nevison, to wife of William Johnson, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

JOHNSON, Marilyn Lei, to wife of William Johnson, LTJG, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

BANKS, John Stoute, IIL, to wife of John Banks, 1st LT, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

KLUGER, Deborah Louise, to wife of Raymond Kluger, LTJG, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

BROWN, Girl, to wife of Johnnie Brown, TN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

CENTOBIE, Linda Ann, to wife of Martin Centobie, MMC, 5 pounds, 1½ ounces.

FRAZER, Girl, to wife of James Frazer, AD1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

LARSEN, John Harold, to wife of John Larsen, ETC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

ALEXANDER, Girl, to wife of John Alexander, AN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

DOWDY, Michael Bruce, to wife of Harry Dowdy, FN, 7 pounds.

1 December

CHAMBERS, Donella Jae, to wife of W. J. Chambers, Pfc, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

BERTHNEY, Nancy Lynn, to wife of William Berthney, OMC, 8 pounds.

HART, Clayton Michael, to wife of Clayton T. Hart, AB2, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

VARGO, Randolph Richard, to wife of George Vargo, CS1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

TURINSKY, Anthony Joseph, to wife of Victor Turinsky, DKC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

2 December

FRAHM, Patricia Martha, to wife of Herman Frahm, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

YAGHER, Ray Angelo Jr., to wife of Ray Yagher, HMC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

KUZIARA, Anna, to wife of William Kuziara, CWOHC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

LENHART, Mary Margaret, to wife of William Lenhart, ADC, 7 pounds.

CONRAD, Roger Dennis, to wife of Harry Conrad, HMC, 7 pounds.

HALL, Camille Marie, to wife of Dwight Hall, ADC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

MORAN, Dennis Eugene, to wife of James Moran, HM2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

packages down early and . . . please limit them to reasonable sizes. No bicycles, electric generators, etc. The Officers' and Chiefs' wives who are doing the real hard work in connection with this project know how to add those attractive little touches which, somehow, seem to escape the men. Various colored papers, stickers, ribbons, and cards are available and the ladies will do the wrapping for you—either for gifts or mailing! Red Cross Gray Ladies will bring wrapping materials to wards for those bed patients who wish to do their own wrapping. You may have packages wrapped on weekdays, from 0930 to 1630, Monday through Friday.



# Admirals Rodgers and Cooley Donate Blood For Oak Knoll Patients



## North Korea Mother Owes Life To Four Alert American Medics

By Pfc Jack Sensenig

With the 24th Infantry Division in Korea (AFPS)—An unidentified North Korean mother owes her life to four Americans.

Recently her husband appeared at a battalion CP to tell Captain William "Doc" Hedberg, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., that his wife was about to give birth to a child. She needed a doctor.

He hurried to the woman and discovered the unborn baby was dead.

He attempted to deliver the lifeless baby, but was unable to administer anesthesia. Returning to his battalion aid station, he contacted Captain James B. Hutchinson, of San Mateo, Calif., 5th RCT Medical Co. surgeon and together they returned that night.

While two assistants held flashlights and stood ready with penicillin and sulfa drugs, the Army doctors delivered the baby without obstetrical equipment.

The woman, who recovered, will long remember the two "enemy" doctors who came out of the night to save her life.

## Special Train Fares For Holiday Leave

The railroad companies of the United States have enacted a program whereas all military personnel, traveling in uniform, will be offered special cut-rate round trip fares to anywhere in the country during the holiday season. Personnel will be required to show official leave papers.

There are also, at this time, two bills before congress which will eliminate the present 15% Federal Transportation Tax in connection with the sale of these holiday leave tickets.

The holiday season will be considered any time between 15 December 1950 and 15 January 1951.

Sign over a cuspidor in a hotel: "If the atom bomb strikes, jump in here. No one has ever hit it yet."

If rank gets into the blood, two Oak Knoll patients will soon be promoted by transfusion—if they happen to receive donations made to the Blood Bank Wednesday by Rear Admiral Bertram J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, and Rear Admiral Thomas R. Cooley, USN, Deputy Commander, Western Sea Frontier and Pacific Reserve Fleet. At left above, Captain Cook stands by while Admiral Rodgers gives; at right he chats with Admiral Cooley while LT J. J. Remas, USN, takes a sample of blood for a hemoglobin test. The officers made a special trip to the hospital to give their blood.

## Marine Amputee Patient Bags Four Quail With Help Of New Arm

Pfc. Herbert Luster USMC, of Ward 42-A, used to do a lot of hunting back in his home state of Arkansas. He was a pretty good shot, too. In fact, when he joined the Marine Corps, he was made a contestant in the Marine Rifle Match. He just missed coming up with a title.

In Korea, he was an expert rifleman—that is, until he was wounded and had his right arm amputated. This might stop the average person, but not Herb Luster. He liked his sports, and it would take more than losing an arm to keep him out of them.

When he returned to the United States, and was fitted with an artificial arm, he had two things to do.

He had to learn to be a southpaw, since he was originally right-handed, and he had to become an expert with his new wing.

How has he done? Well, last week end, on a hunting trip with Joe Reginato, hospital Athletic Director, and R. A. Hermanson, HM3, of the Welfare and Recreation Department, he bagged three quail, and had one probable. "I was using a double barreled 12 gauge," he says, "but I think I'd do a lot better with a nice little 16 gauge automatic."

Herb also has become quite a golf addict since he took up residence at Oak Knoll, and he already has his sights set on a consistent low-eighty game.

## Women Drivers!):?

By Armed Forces Press Service

Sometimes, one thinks there is justification for the continual "ribbing" given women drivers. Take, for instance, the two cases below:

In Ironton, Ohio, Mrs. Bessie Small applied for a driver's license. She passed her written tests. But look what happened on her road test: She rammed into and damaged the parked cars ahead of her in pulling out from the curb. Becoming frustrated, she shot across the street and rammed into another car. The test was postponed.

Complete havoc was witnessed in Los Angeles when Mrs. Mary Willett tried to turn into a side street. Missing the street, she plowed through a fence, crossed a yard and crashed through a garage, smashed into a police car, dragged the car 17 feet, crashed into a second garage, wrecked a one-and-a-half-ton truck and trailer and dislodged the truck's cargo—a big tar kettle—which dropped onto a week-old 1950 Cadillac. She was booked for drunken driving. Her husband, who slept through the whole mess, was just plain intoxicated.

## Visitors See Rehabilitation Program for Amputee



LTJG Sarah Griffin, only amputee nurse on active duty in the Navy Nurse Corps, looks on while Gerald D. Kelly, FA, gets ready to try out the specially-equipped car supplied to the department by a local Oldsmobile dealer.

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practice and patience they can learn to do nearly everything they had been able to do before.

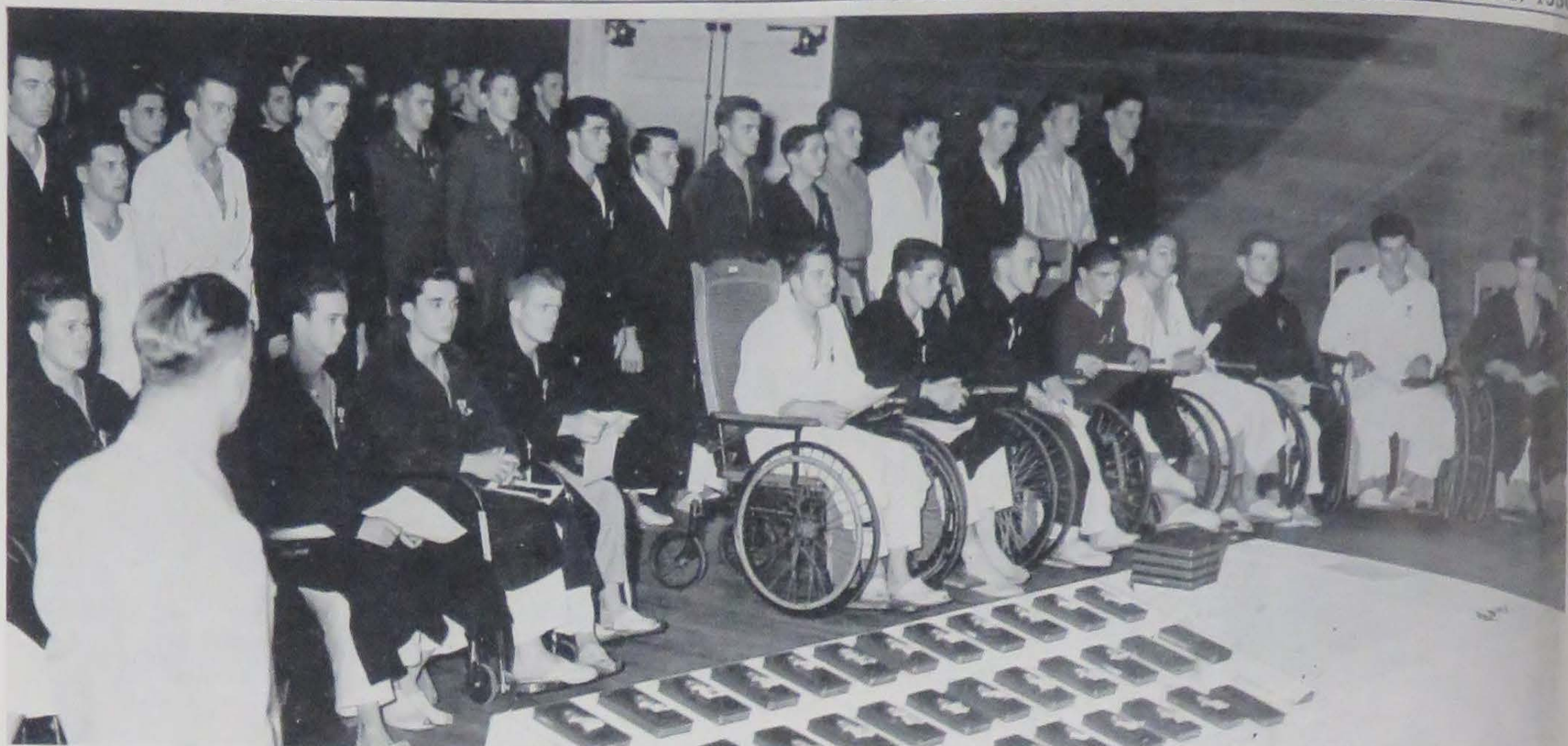
Included on the day's agenda was a visit to the hospital's amputee wards, where 85 casualties of the Korean war are convalescing.

Distinguished guests present for the opening of the center were RADM B. J. Rodgers, Commandant 12th Naval District; Sidney S. Norwick, MD, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Benson Juett, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation; Dr. Ralph C. Shuey, Bakelite Corporation; Miss Hazel E. Purscott, head of the San Francisco Rehabilitation Center; Douglas D. Toffemeier, MD, former Officer-in-Charge of the Mare Island Naval Hospital Artificial Limb Department; Leroy A. Hacker, MD, of the Kabat-Kaiser Institute; COL and Mrs. O. H. Wheeler, USMC; Charles C. McGonnigle, and Captain H. V. Packard, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island California.



Busy making an elbow brace is Vincent Jendieski, Concord, California. Minus his own right arm, he is learning to make equipment for other amputees. He is one of the many amputees now in the employ of the Federal Government.





# Purple Heart Awarded To 87 Korea War Heroes

## Many Are Victims Of Zero Weather

At impressive ceremonies held in the hospital auditorium last Tuesday, eighty-seven Purple Hearts were awarded to Marine, Army, and Navy personnel from the Korean area.

There were 69 Marine, 16 Army, and 2 Navy recipients of the award, 63 of them suffering from frostbite.

The medals were presented by RADM B. J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District; MAJGEN L. D. Heaton, MC, USA, Commanding General of Letterman Army Hospital; and COL Arthur T. Mason, USMC, Deputy Commander, Department of the Pacific.

Navy men who received awards were E. P. Sykes, HM2, Mobile, Ala., and S. H. Tinsley, Jr., HM3, Brooksville, Fla.

Marines were Pvt F. T. Anderson, Fresno, Calif.; Pvt R. R. Ashman, San Francisco, Calif.; Pfc J. W. Bastian, Chicago, Ill.; Pfc A. J. Benes, Shiner, Tex.; Cpl D. N. Booker, Duluth, Minn.; Pfc S. W. Brandt, New Britain, Penn.; Cpl B. G. Brown, Winter Garden, Fla.; Pfc J. A. Bushroe, Toledo, Ohio; Pfc J. J. Byrne, St. Louis, Mo.; Cpl J. H. Carruthers, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Pfc B. E. Carter, Dinsmore, Fla.; Pfc C. F. Comeaux, New Orleans, La.; Pfc A. Digioia, Bronx, N.Y.

Pvt J. W. Dorsey, Berkeley, Calif.; Pfc F. C. Erdman, Newark, N. J.; Pfc N. E. Fabra, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Pfc A. Farnes, Jr., Jersey City, N. J.; Pfc R. E. Forbes, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pfc G. W. Fraynert, Newark, N. J.; Cpl W. L. Freeland, Harrisburg, Pa.; Cpl A. V. Fudge, Goodlettsville, Tenn.; Pfc H. G. Garcia, San Antonio, Tex.; Pvt L. A. Giovanni, Bayonne, N. J.; Pfc E. V. Gonzales, San Antonio, Tex.; Pfc G. R. Gonzales, San Antonio, Tex.; Cpl D. J. Griffith, Fallbrook, Calif.; Pfc D. R. Hamilton, Eugene, Ore.; Pfc R. N. Higgs, Chula Vista, Calif.; Pfc A. J. Holstine, Oxford, Mich.; Cpl J. R. Hoover, Rock Island, Ill.; Pfc W. L. Howard, Jack-



sonville, Ark.

Pfc G. I. Jacobs, Galveston, Tex.; Pfc H. C. Johnson, New Haven, Conn.; Pfc G. K. Klein, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Cpl M. L. Loudon, Sacramento, Calif.; Cpl L. E. McNally, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Cpl J. M. Maynard, Detroit, Mich.; Sgt B. O. Michael, Pasadena, Calif.; Pfc E. A. Mika, St. Louis, Mo.; Pfc B. C. Mitchell, Livermore Falls, Me.; Cpl D. E. Moody, Shreveport, La.; Cpl P. L. Nase, Walston, Pa.; Pfc D. C. Neville, Odebolt, Ia.; S/Sgt B. R. Perry, Abi-

lene, Tex.; Pfc D. D. Phillips, Piedmont, Calif.; Pfc J. H. Pridgen, Wilmington, N. C.; Cpl C. A. Ray, Hemingway, S. C.; Pfc J. J. Riggs, St. Louis, Mo.; Pfc A. E. Roberts, Tulsa, Okla.; Pfc C. J. Rudy, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Pfc J. A. Rukstelis, Cleveland, Ohio; Pfc R. E. Sanders, Redwood City, Calif.

Pfc W. W. Sanders, Lone Wolf, Okla.; Pfc K. M. Sanford, Raleigh, N. C.; Pfc J. M. Seaton, Tulsa, Okla.; Pfc G. M. Seiter, Minneapolis, Minn.; Pfc W. Sester, Lejunior, Ky.; Pfc

L. E. Snyder, Toledo, Ohio; Cpl J. H. Sprence, Houston, Tex.; Pfc R. A. Starr, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Pfc L. C. Stichling, St. Louis, Mo.; Cpl J. F. Sweeney, Miami, Fla.; Pfc R. Valades, San Antonio, Tex.; Pfc R. Valera, San Antonio, Tex.; Pfc L. A. Walker, Monroe, Me.; Pfc C. F. Willis, Hoquiam, Wash.; Pfc L. E. Wilson, Benton, Ark.; Sgt. G. R. Woodward, Madison, Tenn.; and Pfc E. Wright, Austin, Tex.

Army men decorated were Cpl M.

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# Who's Who . . .

William Ellis Jones, HMI, of Welfare and Recreation, is another reservist recently called back to active duty. Bill came aboard in October after spending several years in civilian life. He is a native of Pueblo, Colorado, but now he and his wife, Darleen, call Oakland their home.



Bill first donned the Navy blue in 1941, and during that hitch saw duty with the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions at Guadalcanal and Tarawa. Before entering the service, he finished two years at San Jose State College, and then went to San Francisco College of Mortuary Science.

Before coming in this time, Bill was a practicing mortician, and was serving as Deputy Coroner of Contra Costa County.

He enjoys swimming, dancing, tennis, music, gardening, and golf. He also is keeping up with his studies while in the Navy.

Regina Spatz, HM2, whom you will find working in the Commanding Officer's Office, is another of the many WAVES starting their second hitch after a short stay in civilian life. Reggie was called in from the reserves 15 November.



She first enlisted in June 1944, and served until April 1946, during this period putting in 22 months in the electro-cardiogram department of the San Diego Naval Hospital.

Reggie was born in Smithtown, Long Island, N. Y., but stayed in California after her discharge, and took up secretarial work. Her home address is now listed as Hollywood.

Horseback riding is her favorite pastime, and while living in southern California, she was a member of the Victor McLaglen Light Horse-Equites Troop. She also finds time for swimming, dancing, and bowling.

Bill Booth, HM2, of the Record Office, dusted off his blues in October, and came back to active duty for the reserves. He is a native of Albany, N. Y., but now resides in San Francisco.



He was New York State track champion in 1940, holding titles in the century and 220-yard dashes. At Riordon Junior College, Highland, N. Y., he was a four-letter man.

During the war he served for 23 months aboard the hospital ship USS Relief, and took part in four invasions.

He and his wife, Elena, are the proud parents of a five-year-old son, Billy, Jr., whom Bill is teaching to play baseball.

Before returning to the service, Bill was employed by Standard Oil Company of California, Marine Department.



Pictured above is the cast of Uncle Tom's Cabin that entertained last Friday in the hospital auditorium. With riotous abandon they presented the play to the accompaniment of many laughs. At the right is the Minestrome Trio, disregard the number 'cause that's what they call themselves, also presented as part of the show. Composed of undergraduates from the University of San Francisco, the group had the audience in stitches for a full twenty minutes. The whole presentation was another gesture on the part of Al and Beth McKay, originators of America's Salute to Top Fighting Men.



## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll showed a gain of eleven staff members during the week of 30 November to 6 December, as 43 were detached and 54 reported aboard.

Detached were: LT Isabelle C. Ensweiler, to USS Haven (AH12); LT's Florence E. Alwyn, Lillian E. Fidler, Betty J. Funk, Alvina E. Gustafson, and Dorothy M. Hendricks, LTJG's Kathryn L. Thompson, Virginia M. Balfe, Marguerite E. Green, Delores M. Lacone, Eunice E. Koehler, Ruth E. Mears, Mary C. Pryor, and Miriam I. Stine, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; LTJG Anna B. Gatlin, to inactive duty; LTJG Patricia J. Potts, to USS Haven (AH12); LTJG's Vivian M. Hopkins, and Audrey A. J. Engle, to inactive duty; ENS Imogene L. Vesper, to U. S. Naval Station, Adak, Alaska.

V. S. MacKnight, HMC, to USS Joyce (DER317); L. T. Edwards, HMC, to USNRS, Treasure Island; L. V. Curry, HM1 (W), to USNRS, Treasure Island; R. A. Gortz, HM1, to U. S. Naval Dispensary, San Francisco; A. M. Wells, HM1 (W), to U. S. Naval Dispensary, San Francisco; HM1's W. F. Allen, C. W. F. Childress, K. Lou, C. M. McCurdy, C. C. Svoboda, and G. S. Smith, to USNRS, Treasure Island; E. D. Carlson HM2, to FMF, Oceanside, Calif.; V. R. Turner, HM2, to FMF, Oceanside, Calif.; HM3's A. Hall, W. Boone, D. J. Spraggio, T. J. Vincent, and J. A. Burnett, to USNRS, Treasure Island; HN's W. E. Gross, J. L. Inscore, A. L. McCormick, L. G. Miller, E. D. Richards, and W. E. Wiley, to FMF, Oceanside.

Reporting aboard were LT Olive McClatchey, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Santa Margarita Ranch,

Oceanside, Calif.; LT's Carolyn R. Montgomery, Vernia J. Huffman, Margaretha E. Hansen, and Valine R. Estes, from civilian life; LT Florence L. Hoerr, from U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Whiting Field, Milton, Florida; LT H. C. Barton, Jr., from USS General A. E. Anderson (TAP111); LTJG's Gertrude E. Myers, Jean M. Ludden, Berniece L. Donahue, Mineola L. Lewis, Irene T. Gabos, Mary R. Murphy, and Adelaide Mugford, from civilian life; LTJG Aileen A. Dean, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas; LTJG D. E. Tyler, from civilian life; LTJG Georgia A. Fraine, from Pacific Division, MATS.

HM1's M. E. Hayes, and J. D. Williams, USNRS, Treasure Island; J. M. Pitt, HM1, from NAS, Pensacola, Florida; HM2's M. A. Cosslett, C. B. Guth, V. B. Hillman, D. E. Brittain, F. Broadstock, A. Caupillo, H. P. Henley and H. McClelland, from USNRS, Treasure Island; L. F. Steinke, HM2 (W), from U. S. Naval Dispensary, San Francisco; HM3's R. Davis and J. Bernstein from USNRS, Treasure Island; A. H. Weston, HM3 (W), from NTC, San Diego; H. L. House, HM3, from National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; R. H. Kane, HM3 (W) from Naval Training Center, San Diego; W. F. Lann, HN, from U. S. Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida; HN's R. E. Weeks, R. L. Cahoon, W. Cooper, L. Cosentino, M. D. Gregory, E. R. Visty, J. Herrera and R. M. Lepage, from USNRS, Treasure Island; R. Godwin, HN, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego; J. N. Calderazzo, HN, from Naval Shipyard, Hunter's Point; and HA's R. L. Day, A. D. Dolph, B. G. Kelly, R. E. Mancebo, O. E. McGuire, J. B. Miller, W. Pupanek, D. L. Sears, and J. S. Smith, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California.

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**PEEPING TOM:** Dave Sanders, an obliging corpsman, wonders what hit him. Dave has his nose and forehead propped with a metal crosspiece now and he looks like a man from Mars.

**TRENDS:** The Dental Dillies, surprisingly enough, don't spend all their time designing new instruments of torture. They've come up with a new drink which is as potent as an atom bomb and which is used as a mouthwash. The misleading name for this concoction is the Upper Happy Valley Lime Sludge.

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** All work and no play makes an intern a dull boy—that's why our interns like Ciro's—Mary Hanlon is the type who inspires devotion in her swains. She has the same swabbie in attendance at every meal—This is a good opportunity for you language students to brush up on your Spanish. Juli Herrera, a long time resident of Peru, is now stationed here and speaks a beautiful brand of Spanish — Leon Herzog, Pharmacy's man-about-town, likes to sample the brew that made Bacchus famous at the Grass Shack—One of the advantages of working for Welfare and Recreation is getting to meet the pretty girls backstage, eh Hermanson?—Ever since our football team won the 12ND championship the chest measurements of those three huskies, Irvine, Johnson, and Papadakis, have expanded immensely—Charley Metcalf looks very smug these days; he'll be a civilian any day now—Bob Gammon has an itch to be a Counselor-at-Law; that's the reason for all these night courses in town.



# Underdog Knollites Win 12ND Six-Man Football Championship



**10 December**  
DALLAS (Color)—Gary Cooper, Ruth Roman. WESTERN. Confederate Colonel Hollister (Gary Cooper) returns to Dallas after the war to hunt and eliminate the Brothers Marlow, who ruined his family and fortune. On the way he meets and exchanges identities with a U. S. Marshal from Boston. The Marshal has come to Dallas to marry Tonia (Ruth Roman). After a number of gun battles the evil brothers are eliminated and Hollister and Tonia are married. The Marshal calmly takes this in his stride and goes off to build a railroad. Rated good.

**11 December**  
RIDING HIGH — Bing Crosby, Colleen Gray. MUSICAL. This is one of the best pictures Bing has appeared in for some time. With the excellent help of Miss Gray and his own usual superb performance it was another box-office attraction to his credit. Rated very good by reviewers.

**12 December**  
STATE SECRET—Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Glynis Johns. MELODRAMA. This is a fast-moving British film guaranteed to give everyone who likes suspense an enjoyable 97 minutes. The acting of Fairbanks and Miss Johns is very good. Rated good by all reviewers.

**13 December**  
BIG TIMBER — Roddy McDowall, Jeff Donnell, Lyn Thomas. WESTERN. Jimmy (Roddy McDowall) gets a job in a lumber camp and succeeds in doing everything wrong. His friend, played by Tom Greenway, and Sally (Jeff Donnell) stand by him but only arouse the jealousy of the daughter of the camp superintendent (Lyn Thomas) and a fellow logger who loves Sally. Jimmy is to be fired but he saves the day by driving an injured lumberman to the hospital in a defective truck. For this, Jimmy wins the respect of his fellow workers, a continuance of his job, and the hand of the superintendent's daughter, whom he secretly has loved. Rated good.

**14 December**  
HE'S A COCKEYED WONDER—Mickey Rooney, Terry Moore, William Demarest. COMEDY. Freddie (Mickey Rooney) and Judy (Terry Moore), workers in an orange packing plant, are in love. Judy's father (William Demarest), the plant foreman, wants her to marry the boss's son. Freddie is constantly rejected by Judy's father until he suddenly becomes "rich." It turns out that his "fortune," his uncle's will, is only the paraphernalia of a magician's act. Freddie and Judy are taken prisoners by plant robbers and the sheriff believes the two are guilty. The rest of the film deals with their encounters with the thieves. Rated good.

**15 December**  
JOAN OF ARC (Color)—Ingrid Bergman, Jose Ferrer. DRAMA. This is one of the most highly rated pictures produced this year. It depicts the complete life of Joan of Arc ending with the burning at the stake. The acting of both stars was outstanding throughout. Rated superior by all reviewers.

**16 December**  
THE GREAT RUPERT—Jimmy Durante, Terry Moore. COMEDY. This is another of the famous Durante works with about the same brand of humor that is usually found around him. Recently released, it received a rating of very good from reviewers.

"I can't say much for your past, but your future will be a honey if you buy U. S. Savings Bonds."

## Papadakis Sparkles In 31-25 Win Over Electronics Materiel School In the Mud

The Oak Knoll six-man footballers wound up their season in great form last Thursday on the muddy turf of Treasure Island, when they whipped the Electronics Materiel School squad, 31-25, and thereby tucked the 12th Naval District championship neatly away in their pockets.

Winning from EMS wasn't an easy job, however. The boys from T.I. still had a mathematical chance for a first-place tie and it wasn't until the final gun that Joe Reginato and his Oaklanders could breathe easily once again.

Oak Knoll scored first on a 25-yard aerial from Johnny Johnson to George Papadakis. The conversion failed and the score stood 6-0. Moments later the Knollites struck pay dirt for the second time with a C. F. Young to Bob Irvine pitch that netted 15 yards and made the score 12-0. Once again the conversion failed.

Just before the half ended, EMS capitalized on a streak of pass completions, the last of which produced a touchdown. Their try for extra point was good and they trailed the Oaklanders 7-12.

The second half opened with Martinez, of EMS throwing his arm off in an attempt to catch the Hospitalmen, and it wasn't long before he hit a receiver for a touchdown, and although this conversion failed, the previous one was good enough to give the Islanders a 13-12 margin.

After exchanging the ball a few times, without anything exciting happening for either club, Oak Knoll found themselves with a first down on the EMS 39 yard line. On the first play, Young faded and let go with a tremendous heave deep down the field. Papadakis streaked down the sidelines and dove headlong toward the goal line when he reached the three-yard line. Pappy and the ball met in midair right over the last stripe, and as he hit the ground, he hung on for the score. It was by far the most spectacular play of the game, if not of the entire season. Once again the conversion failed, and Oak Knoll led, 18-13.

Undaunted by Oak Knoll's leading score, Martinez took to the air again, and hit for another touchdown. The conversion failed and EMS was on top, 19-18.

Johnson and Young immediately went to work on a series of runs that pulled in the EMS defense. Then Young strong-armed another cloud-buster 40 yards in the air to Bob Worsham who scooted 20 more for the touchdown. This time the conversion was good and the Knollites had a 25-19 lead.

The lead was short-lived, however. EMS started mixing their attack with a combination running and passing game, and finally pushed over another t.d. The conversion failed and it was a tie game, 25-25.

At this point in the game, Joe Reginato instructed the Knollites to play it close to the ground and try to run out the clock. A tie would be just as good as a win, since EMS had to win if they were to gain a league tie for first place. Oak Knoll would still be champions if the game ended in a deadlock.

The Hospitalmen did what their coach asked, and as a result, Young

## At War With Whom?

By Armed Forces Press Service  
A Brazilian newspaper dug up the following World War I story:

In the early days of the first World War, the officer in charge of a British station deep in the heart of Africa received a wireless message saying: "War declared. Arrest all enemy aliens in your district." With promptness, the home office received the following reply:

"Have arrested seven Germans, three Belgians, two Frenchmen, three Italians, one Austrian and one American. Please say with whom we are at war."

A gentleman was surprised when a strange young lady greeted him on the street. Sensing her mistake, she apologized, saying, "Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were the father of two of my children."

She walked on while the gentleman looked horrified. He didn't know she was the first grade school teacher.

ended one run in the end zone for a touchdown. Although the conversion failed once again, the hospital had the game in the bag, 31-25, and with it, the championship.

Commenting on the successful season, which saw Oak Knoll winning nine and losing one, Coach Reginato said, "It was a nerve-racking season. I didn't believe we had much of a chance for the championship because of the difficulties we had to go through to even get a team on the field on game days.

"Our club won out through a united team effort, and by their ability to come through in the clutch. They were well-versed in picking out the correct variations of play sequences. Worsham's play calling was outstanding, and Papadakis' defensive signal calling was very instrumental in stopping our opponent's attacks.

"We had only an hour's practice before each game, but I believe the intra-mural league play that our boys participated in before the regular season was very helpful. Each team on the base was given basically the same play patterns we used this season. When the boys from those teams came out for the hospital club, they knew pretty well what to expect."

The following men are the members of the 12th Naval District Championship Six-Man Football Team: Bob Worsham, George (Pappy) Papadakis, C. F. Young, Joe Keene, Ed Estrada, Claude (Johnny) Johnson, Jim Harris, Fred Allen, Willie Jefferson, Steve Tamborski, L. W. Folletta, Bob Irvine, J. A. Falkner, and DeWitt Sullivan.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS		
	W	L
Oak Knoll	9	1
E. M. S.	8	2
Moffett Field	7	3
Treasure Island	4	5
S. F. Marines	2	8
Naval Air Station	0	9

## Chuckles

By Armed Forces Press Service  
Mother (To son just back from the war): "Hello, Cookie! Sure glad you are home!"

Son: "Why do you call me Cookie? You never did before."

Mother: "Because you've been a wafer so long."

Sign over a California seaside home: "To rent — one-room apartment. No bath. Suitable for an artist."

The best years of a man's life are before he stumbles and Mrs.

Plane passenger to stewardess: "How high is this plane?"

Stewardess: "About 19,000 feet."

Small voice across the aisle: "How wide is it?"

Sergeant, showing a lady visitor around: "Now, would you like to see our helium plant? It's most impressive."

Lady Visitor: "Oh, I'd love to. I just adore exotic flowers."

Barber: "Haven't I shaved you before?"

Customer: "No, I got that scar in France."

## Purple Hearts Awarded

(Continued from page 4)  
C. Duran, El Monte, Calif.; Cpl C. L. Hawkins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pfc R. M. Wahrman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cpl S. M. Curiel, Stockton, Calif.; Pfc M. E. Heytz, Kerman, Calif.; Pvt E. O. Modrell, Murphys, Calif.; M Sgt L. J. Baker, Oaks, N. D.; Pvt C. Stevens, Graham, Ky.; Cpl W. J. Colbert, Rodeo, Calif.; Pfc M. R. Colvin, Meriden, Calif.; Cpl Willie A. Larry, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cpl A. Thurmond, Aiken, S. C.; Pfc R. C. Garrett, Watsonville, Calif.; Pfc G. J. Kinsman, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Pfc R. C. Campbell, Cashmere, Wash.

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## Thirty-Nine Purple Hearts Given Wounded In Ward Ceremonies Here

### Gen. Robillard, USMC Presents Decorations

Brigadier General Fred S. Robillard, USMC, Depot Quartermaster, Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, San Francisco, presented 39 Purple Hearts to one Navy, one Army, and 37 Marine casualties of the Korean war last Tuesday in the hospital wards. General Robillard was accompanied by Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital.

Many of the Marines awarded the medal had been removed from the fighting front as recently as 2 December to 5 December.

Navy man receiving the award was Joseph M. Fuchs, HM2, USNR.

Army patient receiving the Purple Heart was Pfc James R. Flannery.

Marines who received medals were Pfc R. M. Alexander, Pfc W. A. Ainsley, Pfc J. Balleza, T/Sgt G. L. Bass, Pfc J. M. Carroll, Pfc A. M. Davidson, Pfc T. L. Delridge, Pfc J. E. Dryden, Pfc R. D. Even-ton, Pfc E. L. Fogarty, Pfc D. Grilli, Cpl R. E. Johnson, Cpl G. S. Nellis, Jr., Cpl E. G. Richardson, Pfc G. C. Shaheen, Cpl D. E. Vest, Pfc J. E. Munroe, Sgt. B. D. Peterson, Pfc F. O. Ramierez, Pfc J. E. Wilson, T/Sgt L. L. Strand, Cpl A. S. Garza, Sgt R. A. Huff, S/Sgt B. Nemezc, Pfc R. B. Fortner, Pvt J. W. Myers, Pfc S. J. Waldrup, Sgt E. F. Charles, Pfc J. L. Hopkins, Cpl E. P. Covert, Cpl W. M. O'Keefe, Pfc M. Fox, Pfc C. L. Balmos, Cpl W. L. Harmon, Pfc R. D. Morrison, Pfc A. L. Niemann, Pfc V. L. Palmer, and Cpl G. Schlupp, Jr.

Protestant Christmas Music Festival and Holy Communion Services will be held at 2200 Christmas Eve, 24 December.

### ARMY AMPUTEE PATIENT RECEIVES CHRISTMAS GIFT

Pfc. Robert Akers, USA, of Ward 42-A, has a namesake living in closeby, San Francisco. Several days ago, Akers, who is the first Korean amputee casualty to be fitted with an artificial leg, received a letter from an eight-year-old Robert Akers of San Francisco. In the letter was a dollar bill, and the young Mr. Akers wrote that it was his Christmas present to the older Robert Akers. He wrote the soldier that he hoped he would recover soon, and have a very Merry Christmas.

## General Motors To Present Famous "Previews Of Progress" Show Monday

### Auditorium to be Site Of Scientific Exhibition

Previews of Progress, a dramatic, educational stage show which features exciting stories of jet propulsion, synthetic rubber and other modern scientific wonders, will be presented in the station auditorium, Monday, 18 December, at 1900.

Witnessed in the past three years by more than 3,000,000 people, Previews of Progress tells in simple yet eloquent fashion how America's "secret weapons"—imagination, hard work, and competition—have made our nation great. It serves, too, as a reminder to young and old, alike, that many new frontiers must still be explored and conquered if America is to remain great.

General Motors representatives, Albert Hagman and Del Carson, will demonstrate jet propulsion with a miniature jet engine in actual operation on the stage. The blast of the engine's high pressure flame creates a roar sufficient to fill an entire auditorium. Following this demonstration, models of a jet-propelled pursuit plane and a buzz bomb are driven at high speed the length of the auditorium, propelled by tiny but powerful jets of compressed gas.

Another unusual attraction is the making of synthetic rubber. Using no more elaborate equipment than two small bottles and a funnel, Mr. Hagman produces synthetic "jumping" rubber in full view of his audience in a few seconds' time.

Progress in lighting is spectacularly shown from the dim, yellow glow of the first Edison lamp, to the mercury vapor lamp. Smaller than a cigarette, the mercury vapor lamp gives a light one-fifth as brilliant as sunlight.

### Capt. Dickinson to Attend Shipyard Rally

Captain Everett H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of Surgery, will escort a group of Korean casualties to the San Francisco Naval Shipyard this Wednesday to participate in a yard-wide rally.

The men will relate to the shipyard workers their experiences in Korea, and how their lives were saved by blood donations of civilians at home. They will stress the need for more blood donations for the growing number of wounded.



Pictured above, Les Brown, leader of "the band of renown," is greeted as he appeared on the station last week to put on his show. Shown greeting the famous band leader, are left to right: G. E. Papadakis, HM3, Cpl. Chester J. Kirby, USA, S/Sgt. Louis J. Holloway, USMC, and William E. Jones, Jr., HM1. Pictured at the right are "Butch" Stone and "Stumpy" Brown, in the middle of one of their novelty dance routines. Brown is the younger brother of the band leader, and was acclaimed as one of the brightest portions of the show.



## Les Brown's Orchestra Performs Here In "Salute To Top Fighting Men" Show

The bounce tempo of "Leap Frog" emulated from the station auditorium last Monday, and it was evident to all that it was music by Les Brown and his band of renown.

Presented as another feature of Al and Beth McKay's "Salute to Top Fighting Men," the Les Brown troupe was nothing short of sensational. Booked for an appearance in Oakland later that evening, the band put on an entire show for patients and personnel, and then drove back to Hollywood for a show the next day.

Brown has just returned from an overseas jaunt with Bob Hope and Marilyn Maxwell, during which they toured bases and hospitals in Japan and Korea.

Featured soloists with the band were pianist Jeff Clarkson, well-known for his original composition,

"When Shadows Fall"; drummer Jack Sperling; Dave Pell on the tenor sax; Ronnie Lang on the alto sax, who was to be drafted the following day; Lucy Ann Polk, who sang Brown's famous arrangement of "Sentimental Journey," and "Wonderful"; and Butch Stone, comedy vocalist, who teamed up with Brown's younger brother, Stumpy, for a novelty dance routine.

One of the highlights of the show was the band's rendition of "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue."

The Les Brown show is just one of the lineup of name presentations scheduled for the hospital auditorium in the near future. Among these will be Dinah Shore, and the Jack Benny show. Consult the Holiday Calendar in this issue for the dates of these shows.



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## Don't Start Rumors

By Armed Forces Press Service

"Hey Mac! come here. Did you hear what I heard? The Air Force has captured one of those 32-inch men from Venus and is holding him prisoner. Yeah, no lie. The guy came off one of those watch-a-ma-call-its—a saucer. The kind that fly." And so a new rumor is born.

Rumors are back and you will get 'em. Maybe you've bumped into tales like this, sometimes called "latrine dope," "grapevine," or "scuttle butt."

This sort of stuff can be bad. Rumors are not only troublesome, but can be dangerous to both the individual and the welfare of the whole country.

When war comes the intensity of rumors is quickened. The three main kinds pop into being, Fear, Hope, and Hate rumors.

Each type is supposed to answer important questions, or furnish excuses for actions or relieve pent-up emotions, or just make the tale-spinner feel big.

There's probably not a guy around that doesn't enjoy being first in line with some information that no one else has and is eager to get.

Two Washington newsmen decided to test their ideas on how fast a rumor can spread. They planted a fake story just before V-J Day about the Japanese emperor flying to Washington to sign a peace treaty. They phoned the story to a friend. Six hours later a girl reporter called them to say her husband, 3,000 miles away in San Diego, California, had just telephoned the news to her. The story was altered but they recognized it as their own.

What can be done? When you stop a rumor, you help yourself. The methods to employ are to get the straight facts, keep a skeptical attitude, check the source and best of all keep a sense of humor. If you're rumor-wise you won't be the fall-guy for the story that is intended to scare you, the one that is supposed to give you false hope or the one that is meant to have you hate the guy in the bunk next to you.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

The world at the time of the birth of Christ was not peaceful, because there was evil, greed, and hatred in the hearts of men. These things always cause strife.

The world today is not peaceful, because more than nineteen hundred years after the birth of Christ there are still so many who are not influenced by what He came to teach: Some sincerely, others insincerely, cry for "Peace, Peace," but they are not willing to admit that the cause of strife is selfishness and all other evil; they want the world to be cured without removing the cause.

Yet, today as then, the words "Peace on earth to men of good will" are not a mockery—they have deep meaning for everyone who will heed them. Peace, like happiness, is first of all inside us. Individually we can find it even though others refuse to do so. A lasting and real peace can be found even in the midst of confusion and evil. In fact, we have to learn to find it, for otherwise our soul will be as agitated and confused as our surroundings.

The recipe for peace is not an easy one—it requires that very definite means be used. Those who lead others to a just and lasting peace must first create it in themselves.

We might summarize for ourselves the meaning of Christmas—by recalling the cry of the Prophets, so appropriate today, "Peace, Peace, and there is no Peace."—and then remember the answer—"Peace on earth—TO MEN OF GOOD WILL."

## Divine Services

Protestant:  
Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
Sunday  
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.  
Catholic:  
Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass,  
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150,  
Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**

# Red Cross Ramblings

**December's Children: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!** Gayly be-decked birthday cakes were seen on several wards in the past week. Eddie Barr, Ward 80-B, had a birthday party on Sunday, 10 December. His wife and two small sons arrived from San Jose, California, laden with gifts as a surprise for him. Chief Vinson, Ward 45-A,

blew out 25 candles on his cake on Friday, 8 December. Everyone on the ward sang a lusty "Happy Birthday to You, Chief Vinson." Cpl. Louie Williams of Ward 42-B enjoyed his cake on 5 December. How many candles did he count on that cake? ? ?

**Stamp Club:** The Oak Knoll Stamp Club on 1 December had the pleasure of visiting the East Bay Collectors Club at their regular meeting in Oakland. Members of the Oak Knoll Club in attendance were Howard Blair, SH, Ward 83, and Sherman Pompey, SKSN, Ward 64-A. An interesting discussion was given on the stamps of Danzig by a member of the East Bay Club. Several interesting collections were displayed by the Oak Knoll group. The trip was made under the supervision of Janet Reese, Red Cross worker. Our stamp club meets regularly at 1300 on Wednesdays with service for ambulatory as well as bed patients. Ask the Red Cross worker on your ward about the stamp club.

**Hey! Hey! Swing Your Partners:** Anyone who was at the Red Cross Lounge, Building 32, last night knows what real fun is! Plenty of partners for everyone resulted in something more than just a real old-fashioned hoe-down. There was dancing galore of all types and all nations and even individual demonstrations of everything from the Philippine type rumba to the Russian Shashleek... or is that something to eat?

Perhaps you already know that California leads the nation in folk dancing. These Friday evening dances in the Lounge are from 1900 to 2100. Come on over and bring your ward pal along, if you like to dance or just watch.

## Holiday Calendar

### 17 December

Members of the Veteran's Hospital Christmas Committee will come to Oak Knoll to decorate the hospital for Christmas. All personnel are asked to cooperate and assist in any way they can.

### 18 December

General Motors Corporation will present a modified stage-show version of their famous Previews of Progress in the station auditorium at 1900. This show, or parts of it, has been presented at large fairs and expositions over the U.S.

### 19 December

San Francisco Examiner will bring its War-Wounded Fund Show, presenting top-flight stage and screen entertainers, to the hospital auditorium at 1900. Doris Day will entertain in the wards beginning at 1730 and lasting through the stage show.

### 21 December

The Veteran's Hospital Christmas Committee Show will be held in the auditorium at 1900. This has been one of the top shows of the station every year and will present many famous celebrities. Always a favorite with personnel at this hospital, it has done much in the way of bringing Christmas spirit.

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

### 3 December

TODD, Paul John, to wife of Warren Todd, ADAN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.  
SCHOENBERGER, Nancy Jane, to wife of Sigmund Schoenberger, LTJG, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

KLEES, Linda Diane, to wife of Jack Klees, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

ARMSTRONG, Michael Arvin, to wife of Arvin Armstrong, AM3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

PRESTON, Robert Lawson, II, to wife of Robert Preston, Pfc, 5 pounds, 5½ ounces.

BENTON, Sheila Ann, to wife of Richard Benton, YNSN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

### 4 December

EASTERLING, Kathy, to wife of Raymond Easterling, SK2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

DIORENZO, Paul, to wife of Anthony Diorenzo, CTC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

SPRADLIN, Bonnie Marlene, to wife of William Spradlin, AKA, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

KITCHEN, Emaline Louise, to wife of Marshall Kitchen, AB1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

HARRISON, Wendy Alta, to wife of Wiley Harrison, LTJG, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.

### 5 December

MILLER, James Earl, to wife of Enoch Miller, PNC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

SHARICK, Kenneth Duane, Jr., to wife of Kenneth Sharick, BT3, 6 pounds, 3½ ounces.

GARDNER, Leslie Alan, to wife of Kenneth Gardner, AL3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

### 6 December

FLYNN, Connie Eileen, to wife of Michael Flynn, EM2, 4 pounds, 15 ounces.

FISCHBACH, Mary Virginia, to wife of John Fischbach, AN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

### 7 December

LANE, Bernita Maria, to wife of Walter Lane, BM3, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

CHILTON, Robert Michael, to wife of Robert Chilton, LT, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

PEREZ, David Joseph, to wife of Jose Perez, Cpl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

WILSON, Judy Suzanne, to wife of Everett Wilson, AD1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

ROBERTS, Danny Kim, to wife of Marel Roberts, AD3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

MULLICK, John Stanley, III, to wife of John Mullick, AM1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

AITKEN, Bonnie Lou, to wife of Thomas Aitken, ADC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

STOWELL, John Raymond, Jr., to wife of John Stowell, Set, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

PENNELL, Karen Dennise, to wife of James Pennell, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

### 8 December

BLUE, Stephen Thomas, to wife of Sylvester Blue, CSG3, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.

SHANABARGER, Gary Garland, to wife of Garland Shanabarger, AM1, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

### 9 December

LEMASTER, Roy, to wife of Morris Lemaster, BM1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

HARRISON, Henry E., to wife of Russell Harrison, BMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

COLLINS, Ines Corvete, to wife of Charlie Collins, CK1, 3 pounds, 15½ ounces.

COLLINS, Alain Gines, to wife of Charlie Collins, CK1, 4 pounds, 4½ ounces.

GOHLESTON, Johanna, to wife of John Gohlestone, TN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

CAMACHO, Pete Terlaie, to wife of Pedro Camacho, SD1, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.

### 22 December

Afternoon Christmas Party for children of staff members, both officer and enlisted. Cartoons will be shown, Pat Patterson and his famous Puppet Show will be presented, and to top it all off, Santa Claus will present a gift to each child from the ages of 10 and under. Call Welfare and Recreation for further information.

### 23 December

Jack Benny will be here to entertain in the wards during the afternoon.

### 30 December

Dinah Shore will entertain in the wards during the morning.

### 30 December

New Year's Dance will be held in the new Enlisted Recreation Center. Larry Capelli and his Bay Area orchestra will play for dancing. Beer will be served. All enlisted members of the staff are requested to attend with their wives or dates.



## Who's Who . . .

**Volney Brantley**, HM2, of the Record Office, was a native of Breckenridge, Texas before he enlisted in the Navy in 1943. After his discharge however, he took up residence in San Francisco, and was employed as a clerk in the Rincon Annex of the San Francisco Post Office.

Brantley reported to Oak Knoll on 28 November of this year from Treasure Island, after being recalled to the service from the reserves.

During his previous service, he served at the Long Beach Naval Hospital, the L.A. Naval Dispensary, and aboard the USS Louisville.

He attended City College of San Francisco for two years, and received an Associate of Arts Degree.

**Angie Weston**, HM3, known in civilian life as Mrs. Richard Weston of Santa Barbara, is now working in the Civil Readjustment Office of the hospital. Angie is a native Californian, and enlisted in the Navy in 1943 at Santa Barbara.

Before being called back from the reserves, she was a bookmobile librarian. Spare time for this WAVE in civilian life was taken up by home-making. Her hobbies are reading and flying. The latter stemming from the fact that her husband was a flyer during World War II.

Angie has two brothers, both of whom are Marines. One is on duty in San Diego, and the other is a member of the 1st Marine Division in Korea.

Also one of the reservists called back to active duty is **Joseph Geis**, HM1, of Staff Personnel. Joe is a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, and was attending the University of Utah at the time of his call to duty.

Joe is married, and he and his wife, Lois, are the parents of a three-year-old son, Richard.

Most of his spare time is taken up playing the violin and making model airplanes. Although his major at the university was electrical engineering, he was a member of the university's symphony orchestra.

Joe is also an avid ski fan, and many's the time that he has packed his gear and taken off for the slopes of Alta and a day of slaloming.

Joe originally enlisted in the Navy in October, 1942. He reported to Oak Knoll for active duty from Treasure Island in October this year.

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** Chief Estes is finding it hard to concentrate on his Sanitation problems with all the WAVES buzzing around—Marjorie (Mugsie) Mahoney isn't going out these nights. She's staying close to the Base; mostly at the EM Club so she can save her money for the day her swabbie husband comes sailing up the bay. He's an HM, too—Comes a good, sunny Saturday and you'll find Willie Jefferson on the golf links. Willie's greatest ambition is to visit France and prove Americans aren't as staid as Frenchwomen think—Dining at the Blue Angel was Bob Pickell with a very attractive blonde. Listen girls, if you want to visit the best places, date an HN; they always have plenty of money!—The Knollites have a new pastime; watching the overflowing creek from the bridges—Staff Personnel has a new sweater girl, Jean Daniels. Too bad, fellas, she's already married—Occupational Therapy's winsome Ann Badalato keeps the Ad Building's display case looking quite professional—Feel like an argument? Just tell any second class mate you're in favor of Port and Starboard watches.—Bill Van Atta has a "home away from home" in 'Frisco, but it isn't presided over by a motherly-type at all—Johnny Downs says he'd "crawl over broken glass" and do scores of other feats to be near his little gal in Japan—The two cronies from the Information Desk, Waggoner and Berry, sure were disappointed in the wrestling matches the other night—The "tender" touch of Ed Eisenstat has won him the title "Angelic One."

**FORECAST:** Good things are in store for Oak Knoll's cliff dwellers during the month of December—Jack Benny and his troupe will do a show at the Auditorium as will songstress Dinah Shore—A dance, complete with orchestra, is booked for the EM Center for the 30th, and don't forget, Christmas is the 25th.

**ROCKRIDGE DANCE:** Civilians and White Hats got together at the Rockridge Women's Club the other p.m. for a session of dancing, fussing and feasting—Harvey Poulson and his squaw were doing square dances—Lavilla Morse dragged an Army man through his paces—James Wiggins Bennett had his little clinging vine draped around him again—Lillian Chinn and Stan Miller were enjoying everything, as usual—Claire Martini and Hank Walker were an armful—Bill Slover and his Mrs. were prancing around—Johnny Reische and Bob Grubb were among the stags-at-bay.

### Better Late Than Never!

Guam (AFPS)—The first mate of a tanker anchored off Guam went shopping on that island recently for a pair of work shoes. Perhaps caught in a Christmas buying rush, he missed his ship, even after the tanker's skipper held up sailing for two hours.

AWOL, high and dry in utter anguish, the first mate appealed to the 2nd Air Rescue Squadron. A helicopter took him 30 miles to sea and gently lowered him on the ship, the new shoes dangling from his neck.



Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, is pictured above with Captain R. R. Marken, CHC, USN, left, and Captain Razzie W. Truitt, CHC, USN. Captain Marken is relieving Captain Truitt, who is retiring from the Navy after 32 years of service, as Twelfth Naval District Chaplain. Chaplain Marken comes to this district from Boston where he was First Naval District Chaplain.

## Chuckles

Tact: Art of making your guests feel at home when you wish they were.

They had been sitting in the swing in the moonlight alone. No word broke the stillness for half an hour until—

"Suppose you had money," she said, "what would you do?"

He threw out his chest, in all the glory of young manhood, and said, "I'd travel!"

He felt her young warm hand slide into his. When he looked up, she was gone . . . and in his hand was a nickel.

Many a rural romance has started with a gallon of corn and ended with a full crib.

Never milk a cow during a thunderstorm. The cow may be struck by lightning and you'd be left holding the bag.

## Dependents to Receive Medical Care ID Card

Washington (AFPS)—Qualified dependents of Navy and Marine Corps personnel are to be issued a revised identification card for hospitalization and medical care, the Navy has announced.

The new card will be issued by commanding officers upon request of personnel having dependents. It was emphasized that personnel should obtain the cards before an emergency arises, in order to reduce delays encountered when medical attention is required.

The presently used card is valid and will continue to be honored until its expiration date. If the individual Serviceman is unable to procure and deliver the card to his dependent, the dependent may procure it from either the Bureau of Naval Personnel or Marine Corps Headquarters, as appropriate.

Dependents may apply for care at Army or Air Force facilities if Navy medical service is not available.



Pictured above are civilian employees recently awarded certificates for completion of the Supervisory Development Course. Seated, left to right, are: Maxine Ashley, Mellie Hoff, Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, who made the presentations, Pinky Orr, and William Loder. Standing, left to right, are Bernard Garcia, Emory Pettigrew, Ernest Sivertson, Milburn Williams, Hosea Lewis. The course consisted of 30 one-hour sessions, and consisted of subjects such as Principles of Administration, Development of Employee Interest, and the Techniques of Supervision.



# PREVIEWS

The next dance for Federal Employees will also be held at the Rockridge Club, and will take place 10 February, 1951.

**THE BIG WHEEL**—Mickey Rooney, Thomas Mitchell. **DRAMA.** This is another film made a success by the famous antics of Mickey Rooney. As usual he plays the part of something he really isn't to the utmost of his ability. Rated very good by all reviewers.

As yet untried on human beings, the mechanical heart has been successful on animals. It is being held in readiness at the Hahnemann Hospital to be applied to the heart of any patient who might not otherwise be revived.



The Oakland Navy Mother's Club was onboard last week to present Ward 79-B with a television set. The club sold subscriptions to the San Leandro News Observer, and purchased the set from the commissions they received from the subscriptions. Pictured at the presentation, are, left to right: Cpl. Charles Newell, USMC, Mrs. Annie Fraser, Commander of the Oakland Navy Mothers, who made the presentation, and Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital.

# Welcome and Farewell

ing Unit, Naval Air Station, Seattle, Wash.; LT Estella M. Henderson, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LT Ruth M. Lawler, to Naval Air Station Dispensary, Seattle, Wash.; LT A. F. Pierce, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LT's Irene C. Baker, Dorothy R. Dreyer, Valine R. Estes, Margaretha E. Hansen, and Carolyn R. Montgomery, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LTJG R. L. O'Neal, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LTJG Annie K. Norton, to U.S. Naval Hospital, Charleston, S.C.; LTJG Georgia A. Fraine, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LTJG's W. L. Thomas, and H. D. Murray, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LTJG's Evelyn M. Hanks, Grace A. Hart, Rosemary Hayes, Mary C. Justus, Mineola L. Lewis, Patricia J. Lovett, Dorothy Lukowski, Elsie M. Martin, Mary R. Murphy, Gertrude E. Myers, Bessie F. Pantlik, Elizabeth A. Paul, and Anna E. Schillinger, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LTJG's Freda Ackerman, Irene F. Balthazar, Esther A. Decjert, Isabelle L. Doolan, Irene T. Gabos, Edythe S. Gillette, and Dorothy B. Cohen, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT.

Reporting aboard were CDR L. B. Magoon, from Naval Dispensary, San Francisco, Calif.; LTJG's Florence Lanphere, and Doris E. Long, from civilian life; LTJG R. M. Jaeger, from Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I.; LTJG's V. L. Boersma, and D. T. Brown, from civilian life; M. Arcado, SDC, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; T. J. Calkins, HM1, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM2's J. E. Nelson, G. E. Pappas, F. G. Loets, L. L. Hadaway, and C. E. Winkler, HM3's R. D. Brown, P. P. Ross, E. H. Evans, and D. H. Burch, and HN's T. M. Padilla, and J. A. Nuttall, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

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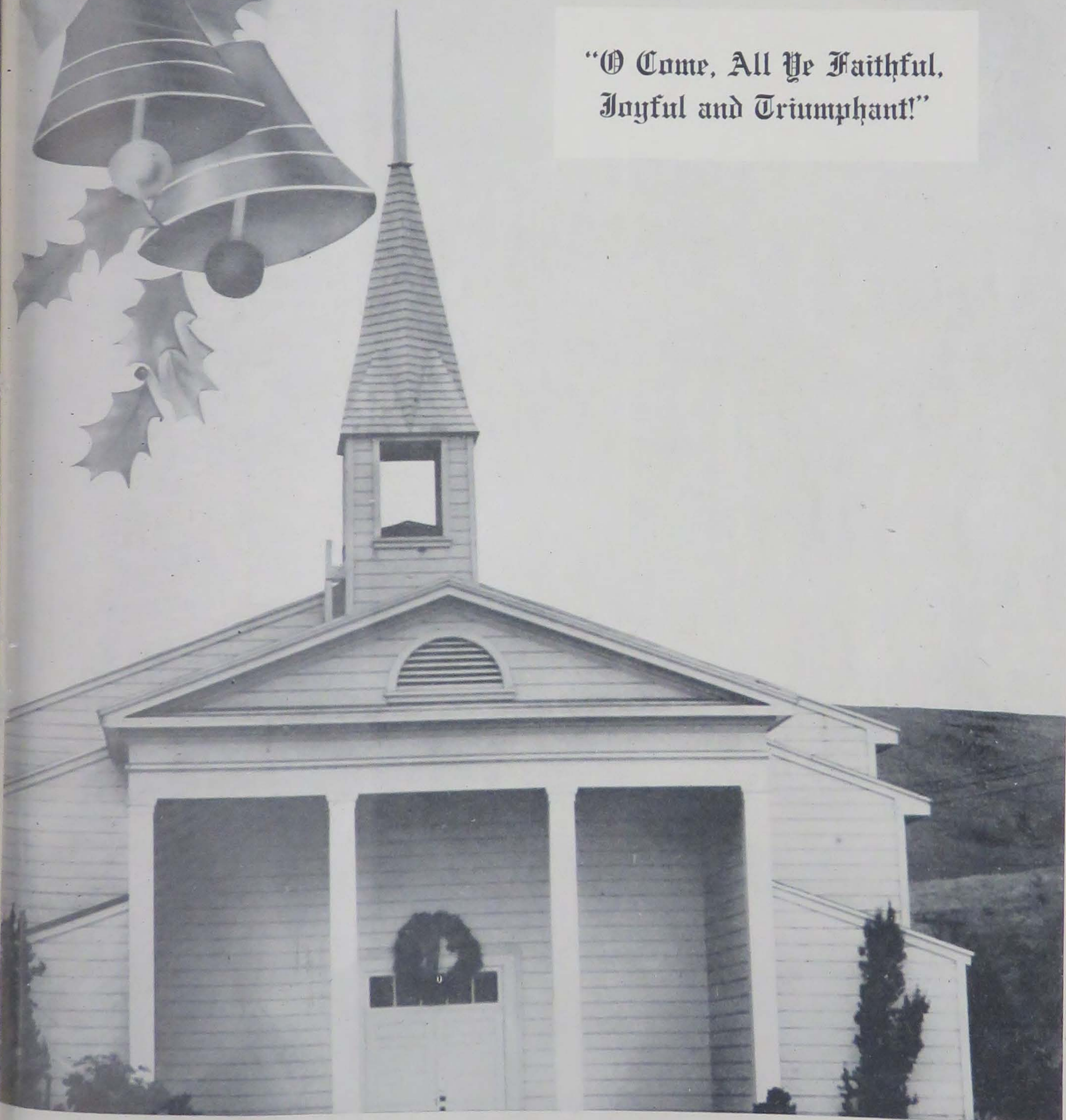
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Joyful and Triumphant!"





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## Greetings From The Surgeon General

25 December 1950

To: All Hands

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Medical Department  
 Activities, U. S. Navy

The passage of another intervening year and the return of the Christmas Season brings me the welcome opportunity of expressing to the whole Medical Department family those thoughts that come from the heart at such a time.

Our unique privilege of contributing to the health, welfare and happiness of the men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps through the widespread efforts and activities of the Medical Department has, I believe, brought further enrichment to our own lives as well during the past year. In this we must sense a feeling of both pride and humility.

In the presence of intensified danger to our great heritage in this land of freedom and opportunity, I extend to civilian and service personnel alike throughout the Medical Department of the Navy, my sincere appreciation of their faithful support, warmest regards and greetings of the Season, as well as an enjoiner to all for a renewal of their loyalty and devotion to the high calling of our service in the year to come.

C. A. SWANSON  
 Rear Admiral (MC)  
 Surgeon General, U. S. Navy.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son—"  
 "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that Mary should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son—"

Without the **Christ** there is no Christmas! Mark you well these words. Without the **CHRIST** there is no Christmas!! The sentences of John hang forlornly in the midnight of men's hopes, "He came unto His own and His own received him not," and "the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not."

In your own life, without the Christ there is no Christmas. Oh, you may go through the motions of sending and receiving cards, giving and receiving gifts and sincerely wishing your shipmates the Greetings of the Season, but without the Christ, it is as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal because it is without love.

Sadly I look at our national scene. How have we ever allowed ourselves to be mesmerized into the dizzy, exhausting frenzy we call the Christmas "preparation"? We say it's for the "children." Isn't it a commentary upon ourselves and our children when we send ourselves into a tailspin each year? How do we honor the Christ?

**Defeat.** By every yardstick Christmas has been defeated down through these 1950 years. By man's measure, God has been thwarted at every turn in what He intended to do in the Christ. But God doesn't use man's bushel. When to us the slow-moving threat flowing westward seems inevitably destined to stamp out Christmas, remember that God still sees the crib in the manger at Bethlehem—and knows the power which will triumph. The only person who can sabotage God's love for the world, for America, for you—is you!

To you and yours,  
 A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.  
 JAMES D. HESTER, Protestant Chaplain.

## Red Cross Ramblings

**WHO WAS IT SAID THAT THERE ISN'T A SANTA CLAUS?** In Germany they refer to him as Kris Kringle, in Belgium they call him Saint Nicholas, and when celebrating Christmas in France the French ask about le petit Noel. We, here in America, have several names for that man with the long white beard and the bright red suit, but perhaps Santa Claus is the most popular. Then, too, while we are having a good time celebrating Christmas with fancy foodstuffs, presents and fun we should not forget the real significance of the occasion. Christmas carolers will visit your wards all week, bringing a thought of the real significance of the 25th of December.

Red Cross began its gay week of festivities (prior to the big party on Christmas Eve) on Monday the 18th with ward parties and entertainment. Carolers sang on the 40 and 60 Wards. Ward 76B had a bingo game with ice cream and prizes galore! Four patients on 41A were December birthday celebrants. Two parties were given, the first on December 9th by the Recreation Gray Ladies, and another by Miss Claire Chaix, Gray Lady from Alameda Chapter on the 18th, which included tap dancers and a quartette of accordin players.

Those honored were **Jene Hall, Charles Perkins, Jene Hartman and Don Pennington.**

Tuesday evening the Sportsmens Club arrived with all their hunting and fishing gear to display to the bed patients. Christmas music by the Montclair Womens Club and the Treble Clef Society from the University of California could be heard all over the compound.

Wednesday, 20 December, the Dixie Duet, Piedmont Carolers, and the Berkeley High School group sang on the wards. On Thursday several groups from nearby communities visited the wards with their songs about Christmas and the holiday season.

Friday evening the barbershop quartette and the carolers from St. Elizabeth's High School were escorted to the various wards for their rendition of "Silent Night" and "Adeste Fideles." The Alameda Navy Wives brought entertainment and refreshments to several wards.

### 'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

'Twas the night before Christmas  
 When all through the town,  
 Marines, Army and Navy  
 Will be looking around  
 For an evening of fun  
 And places of cheer,  
 Don't look any further  
 Stay right here.  
 For tonight at seven  
 Red Cross, Gray Ladies  
 And staff eleven  
 Will visit your ward  
 Please stay aboard!!!

Carolers, Red Cross ladies and the staff will bring a party to your ward tonight, December 24th. There will be games and entertainment, plus refreshments for all. It has been procured from the nearby communities by these Red Cross Chapter representatives. From the Berkeley Chapter, Mrs. James Moulton and Mrs. Harry Eggleston; from the Oakland Chapter, Mrs. Walter Hanneburg, Mrs. Norman C. Mather, Mrs. Marjorie Bell and Mrs. Esther England; and from Alameda Mrs. William G. Werner.

All week the "small fry" were seen tugging in huge boxes of favors, cookies and trimmings for trees in every form from popcorn snowballs to covered Santa Claus face match boxes. The Junior Red Cross has been busy in their various school work shops since the middle of November assembling these items for the patients at Oak Knoll.

The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Girls have planned and executed their contributions at their weekly meetings.

Just picture yourself sitting near the fireplace at home and join in the fun of the old fashioned "homey" Christmas party in the Lounge on Christmas Eve (building 32). Hostesses will be there to assist with Christmas cheer. The famous Steve Shepherd, prestidigitator, is coming over from San Francisco to entertain you. Mr. Jack Oakley will also be an attraction, singing all your favorite Christmas selections. **OPEN HOUSE** at the Lounge on Christmas Day and throughout the evening.

The Red Cross staff and the Gray Ladies wish you the very best and a happy holiday.

### Letter of Thanks

Dear Mr. Stutler:

Please accept my deepest thanks for your kind letter regarding the death of my husband, Thomas R. Baker. I realize that he was given the very best medical treatment and that everything possible was done for his comfort. I would like to thank the fine staff of doctors, nurses and corpsmen who attended him.

I would also appreciate your extending my sincere gratitude to the members of the staff and our kind friends for their generous contributions and their kind words of sympathy. I sincerely appreciate all you have done for me.

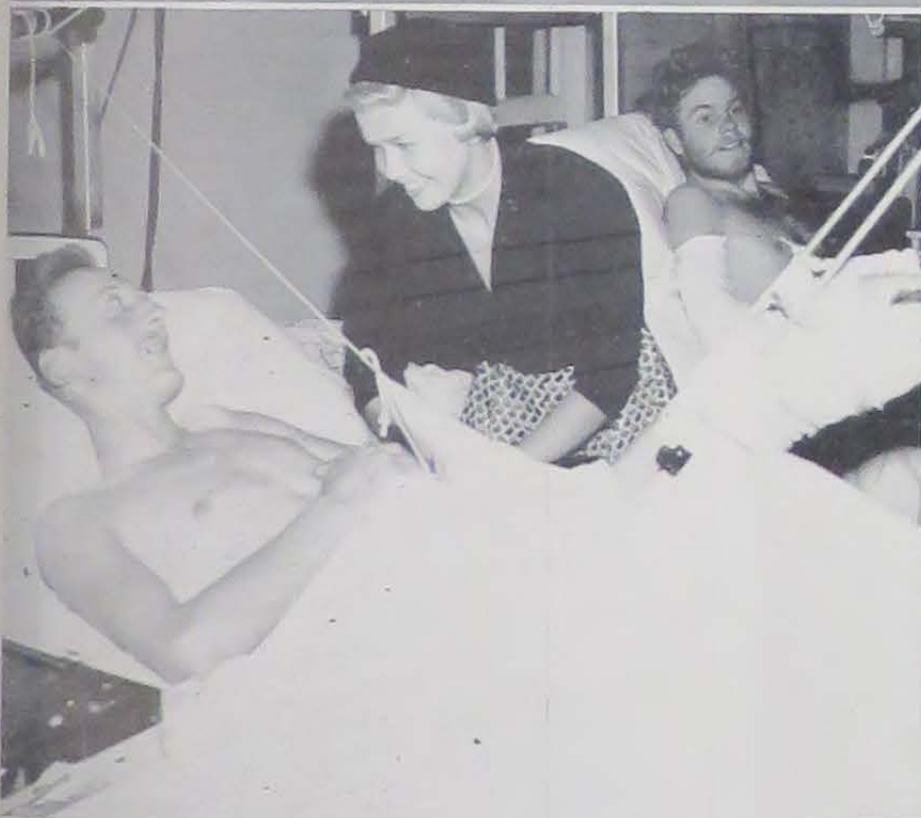
Very truly yours,  
 Mrs. Billie Baker.

### Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
 Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
 Sunday—  
 Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945  
 Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
 Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
 Monday—  
 Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
 Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
 The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.  
**Catholic:**  
 Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
 0900 in Large Chapel  
 1215 in Catholic Oratory  
 Confessions before Mass.  
 Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150,  
 Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.





## San Francisco Examiner Brings "Hit" Show To Oak Knoll

A jam-packed station auditorium reveled to the music of Walt Roesner and a bevy of vaudeville acts, topped by the voice of Warner Brothers' star vocalist, Doris Day, Tuesday evening. Miss Day also toured many wards during the course of the evening, singing at least three songs at each stop.

Giving patients in the wards a chance to request numbers, Miss Day found herself singing "It's Magic," "Tea For Two," and "Bushel and a Peck" several times. By the time she arrived at the auditorium for a short appearance before leaving the hospital, she could barely speak above a whisper, but she left Oak Knoll claiming more fans than ever before.

The show, part of the San Francisco Examiner's War Wounded Christmas program, included outstanding talent from the Bay Area as well. Acting as Master of Ceremonies for

the entire performance was Charlie Aaron, who also gave out with some "swell" vocalizing.

The Chung Wah Troupe from the Club Shanghai provided one of the most thrilling performances seen here when they gave their outstanding gymnastic act.

Arthur Blake gave one of the most difficult acts of the evening as he impersonated Charles Laughton, Margaret O'Brien, Gloria Swanson, Bette Davis, and Carmen Miranda. Mr. Blake is currently appearing at Ciro's and is considered "tops" in his profession.

Other outstanding acts included Katy Lee singing "Sentimental Me" and several short encores; Tony Wing with his sensational tap-dancing; Bob Hamma, vocalist, who was called back for one encore after another; Toy and Wing, who glided

their way across the stage in one of the most delightful exhibitions of dancing seen here; The Four Jokers, who must have put gray hairs in many composers' hair by mixing up their songs and arranging them to suit their own comic desires and those of the audience; and Happy Feet and the Four Naturals, who set everyone's feet a-tappin as they gave out with some of the "boppiest" rhythm it would be possible to find anywhere.

Not enough thanks can be given to Mr. George Heinz, of the San Francisco Examiner, who produced and directed the show.

Members of the troupe, already weary from performing at several local military and veterans' hospitals, were ready to begin again the next morning with another series of shows.

### Blood for Korea

Civilian employees of the hospital will have an opportunity to donate blood for Korea Friday from 8:30 to 4, when the Red Cross Blood Donor Center at 354 Hobart Street sends out its "bloodmobile" with a staff of nurses and technicians and converts the three classrooms in Building 133 into a blood donor center for the day.

All who wish to give will be excused from their duties for that purpose. Attention is called to the fact that no food should be taken for four hours preceding the donation. Donuts and coffee will be served to donors before they return to work. Many of the hospital's 750 civilian workers have expressed a desire to give blood for Korea wounded, and this will provide an excellent opportunity without the inconvenience of a trip downtown.





Mu Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, international educational sorority, presented a television set to the hospital recently. Shown at the presentation are, top row, left to right: Mrs. C. E. Cox, Mrs. E. J. Andree, chapter president, Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, Mrs. H. L. Wright, and Blanche Boisen. Seated, left to right, are patients Cpl E. G. Richardson, USMC, Pfc D. Grilli, USMC, Pfc J. Balleza, USMC, and T/Sgt G. L. Bass, USMC. The chapter obtained funds for securing the set from different activities, such as a rummage sale and fashion show.

## Welcome and Farewell

Sixteen new members were added to the staff at Oak Knoll while the same number were detached during the week of 13 December through 20 December.

Detached were CDR E. L. Hammond, to U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland; LT Helen Mak, to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; LT's Vernia Huffman, and Carrie M. Ebert, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, FFT; LT's R. D. Owen, and W. R. Griswold, to New York, N. Y.; LTJG W. F. Oren, to U. S. Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.; LTJG's D. T. Brown, T. L. Hodges, and W. M. Lewallen, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; LTJG's Berniece L. Donahue, and Joan M. Ladden, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; ENS Mary T. Duhamel, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; J. E. Garner, HM1, to Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev.; B. E. Denux, HM2, to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; and L. A. Parkin, HN, to USNRS, Treasure Island, California.

Reporting aboard were LTJG's Patricia J. Lovett, and Mineola L. Lewis, from Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; HM1's J. Orendurff,

J. Shemo, and A. C. Latham, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; R. L. Carter, HM2, from Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.; HM2's E. E. Hunter, R. L. Bowser, T. Whitworth, J. T. Harris, and W. Donahue, from USNRS Treasure Island, Calif.; W. Dardeau, HM3, from National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; HM3's H. Crenshaw, and L. L. Daley, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; and HN's R. N. Baxter, and F. R. Munce, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.

## Richmond Golf Facilities Free to All Knollites

The Richmond Golf Club has extended free use of its facilities to officers, enlisted personnel, and patients of Oak Knoll. This policy was practiced during World War II, and much benefit resulted for those who took advantage of the chance for such recreation.

The course is a full 18 holes, all grass and in fine shape. The clubhouse is completely modern. Simple identification when coming out to play is all that will be necessary.

## Special Catholic Services

Christmas Eve, Sunday, 24 December

0630—Mass in Oratory

0900—Mass in Chapel

1215—Mass in Oratory

1500 to 2100—Confessions

2400—Midnight Mass in Chapel,  
Holy Names College Choir

Christmas Day, Monday, 25 December

0630—Mass in Oratory

0900—Mass in Chapel,

Holy Redeemer College Choir  
(No Mass at 1215)

Sunday within Octave, 31 December

0630—Mass in Oratory

0900—Mass in Chapel

1215—Mass in Oratory

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

10 December

GRETZINGER, Thomas Ralph, to wife of Jack Gretzinger, HM1, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.

FISHER, Kenneth Roy, to wife of Jack Fisher, Cpl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

PURVIS, Diane, to wife of Wilbert Purvis, CS2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

CITRON, Robert Bruce, to wife of Irving Citron, ETC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

McPEAK, Patricia Ann, to wife of Daniel McPeak, Sgt, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

WHITE, William Delbert, Jr., to wife of William White, FP2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

DAWSON, John Frank, II, to wife of John Dawson, ADC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

FINLEY, Barbara Jean, to wife of Edgar Finley, S/Sgt, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

GUDMUNDSON, Girl, to wife of Bliss Gudmundson, AL1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

11 December

JONES, Vallerie Lynn, to wife of Charles Jones, HN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

BURGETT, Michael Randall, to wife of William Burgett, CDR, 8 pounds, 4½ ounces.

WILLERS, Katherine Ann, to wife of George Willers, CWO, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

HENNEY, Kathie Lee, to wife of Loraine Henney, HMC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

MINER, Darrel Lee, to wife of Jack Miner, SH3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

ROBINSON, Donna Sue, to wife of Donald Robinson, MM1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

12 December

CHURCHILL, James Walter, to wife of Robert Churchill, KM2, 10 pounds.

WISNER, Mary Kay, to wife of Homer Wisner, RD2, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

OSTERMAN, Michael Dean, to wife of Wallace Osterman, SK3, 7 pounds.

REILLY, Timothy John, to wife of John Reilly, SKC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

McNAB, Linda Ann, to wife of Peter McNab, YN2, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

WIDICK, Suzanne Helen, to wife of Dallas Widick, FPC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

13 December

TRACY, Daniel Thomas, to wife of Harry Tracy, ADC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

RODRIGUE, Robert David, to wife of Lucien Rodrigue, AF3, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

JACQUES, Ernesto, to wife of Jose Jacques, DCW3, 6 pounds.

LUKE, Michael Edward, to wife of Robert Luke, EN1, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

BERKIAN, Elizabeth Ann, to wife of George Berkian, LT, 7 pounds, 15½ ounces.

AUSTIN, Boy, to wife of Herbert Austin, Cpl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

14 December

BARBER, Deborah Ann, to wife of Norris Barber, YN2, 7 pounds, 5½ ounces.

YUKNA, Paula Jeanne, to wife of Ernest Yukna, HM1, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

MEADE, Susan Marie, to wife of Charles Meade, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

MATTISON, David Roy, to wife of Charles Mattison, FN, 5 pounds, 13½ ounces.

JULIAN, Boy, to wife of Joseph Julian, BMC, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.

McCORMICK, Michael Vincent, to wife of Clement McCormick, DTC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

SMITH, Patricia Louise, to wife of Elbert Smith, ETC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

DIEHL, Tracey Ann, to wife of Albert Diehl, M/Sgt, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

15 December

PAUL, Shirley Yvonne, to wife of Edward Paul, AN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

CHONTOS, Dennise Elita, to wife of Richard Chontos, HM3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

PHILPOTT, Kathryn Louise, to wife of Harry Philpott, Pfc, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

STANFILL, Jerry Len, to wife of Jack Stanfill, HM3, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

FORBES, James Hyde, III, to wife of James Forbes, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

16 December

BONDURANT, De Ette, to wife of Thomas Bondurant, LCDR, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

McKEE, Carla Roxanne, to wife of Carlos McKee, SK3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

TAYLOR, Gary Neil, to wife of Ernest Taylor, TDI, 6 pounds, 13½ ounces.

HORSLEY, James Gordon, to wife of Gordon Horsley, ET2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

WRIGHT, Linda Shelley, to wife of Richard Wright, Cpl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

OSBORN, Dale Thomas, to wife of Lester Osborn, SNTM, 6 pounds, 1½ ounces.

SISSON, Barbara Anne, to wife of Bartley B. Sisson, YN2, 5 pounds, 12½ ounces.

McINERNEY, Karen Patrice, to wife of Donald McInerney, AD3, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

RODARTE, Pauline Marie, to wife of Paul Rodarte, Pfc, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

## He's a Fighting Man!

Korea (AFPS)—Finding life on a Navy tug too monotonous and dull, Seaman Earl Taylor jumped ship and joined the Marines in frontline combat. Apparently Taylor proved to be a first-rate fighting man for he was recommended for decoration. However, the exciting life was not for long. After a mild reprimand Taylor was sent back to the humdrum job of tug-boating.



Del Carlson, of General Motors "Previews of Progress" presented here last Monday evening, shows how simple it is to make synthetic rubber using no more elaborate equipment than two small bottles and a funnel. After mixing contents of the two bottles and shaking the mixture vigorously for sixty seconds, a large mass of "jumping" rubber exploded from the bottle. The first show of its kind to be presented here in recent months, it gave practical demonstrations of jet propulsion, and also showed progress in lighting from the first Edison lamp to the mercury vapor lamp, which gives off light one-fifth as brilliant as sunlight.

## Hi-Lites

Colrain, Mass. (AFPS)—The Congregational Church here has selected five grade school pupils to be in charge of the congregation's 250th anniversary. The date will be marked in the year 2,000.

Houston, Tex. (AFPS)—Five guests were routed from their sleep and forced to flee into the chilly night when fire destroyed the Sweet Dreams Hotel.

Tulsa, Okla. (AFPS)—A local church displays the following sign in its cloakroom: "Please do not leave hats or coats here unless attendant is on duty. Thieves sometimes come into the church to prey."

Trenton, N. J. (AFPS)—A motorist who failed to heed a policeman's warning was sentenced to write 500 times "I will always obey the order of a traffic policeman."

Monrovia, Calif. (AFPS)—Fourteen-year-old Anet Walker's first attempt at cooking turned into a flop. She sent four members of her family to the hospital when she used rat poison instead of flour in the biscuits.

San Francisco, Calif. (AFPS)—The mighty Shasta Dam weighs 12 million tons. Still firmly attached to the structure is a sign reading, "United States Government property. Do not remove."

Spokane, Wash. (AFPS)—Burglars broke a window in a local laundry and, apparently, suffered for their trouble. The only things missing were bandages from the first aid kit.



## Who's Who . . .

Joseph E. Drexler, Jr., HM2, of the Liberty and Leave Desk, was recalled to active duty from the reserves last August. He is a native of Oshkosh,



Wisconsin, and was residing there with his wife, Corrine, and daughter, Marcia Jean, when recalled.

Drexler first entered the Navy in December 1942 at Great Lakes, Illinois. He took his boot and corps training at Farragut, Idaho, and then put in duty here in 1943. From Oak Knoll he was sent to Base Hospital No. 3 in the New Hebrides, where he served for 22 months.

In civilian life, he worked as a printer and folder for a paper company in Oshkosh. His favorite hobby is reading and relaxing with a cool beverage. For recreation, he lists bowling as his favorite pastime.

Vivian Stockdale, HM2 (W), of the Admission Office, was born in Sibley, Illinois, and still calls it as home. She has been "back" in the Navy since October, when she was recalled from Santa Rosa.



It was in April, 1944, that she first donned the Navy blue, at Peoria, Illinois. The accomplishment that pleased her most while in the Navy was the time she was a member of the Mare Island Waves' bowling team in 1947. She won the bowling trophy for the year while with island keggers.

As a civilian, Vivian worked for the Sonoma Title and Guaranty Company in Santa Rosa. She was a bookkeeper for the firm. Her favorite recreational activities are bowling and dancing, and reading and knitting can be called her hobbies. The only spare time she has is taken up by sleeping.

Lyman M. Williams, HM2, USN, of Archives, has been at Oak Knoll since July, 1949. He joined the Navy in April, 1945, in Salt Lake City, his home town.



Williams attended boot camp and corps school at San Diego and was then stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital in New Orleans. He then did a stretch of duty at Pearl Harbor. After Hawaii

he returned to the states and came to Oak Knoll.

His wife, Bessie, and he live with their two children, Dan and Vaughn, in East Oakland.

His favorite recreational activity is swimming, and his hobbies include hunting, fishing and outdoor sports. For spare time doings, he is another firm believer in sleep.

Before entering the Navy, Williams was a student.



Oak Knoll patients were treated to what patients referred to as one of the "best dances of the year" last week when the Red Cross presented their Snow Ball. The station auditorium, gayly decorated for the occasion, resounded to the music of Bob Faerweather and his orchestra, who donated their services for the dance. The floor was packed, the music good, and a good time was had by all.

## Two MC Admirals Retire From Navy

Two of the Navy's top-ranking doctors have retired from the Navy. They are RADM Daniel Hunt, MC, USN, and RADM Joel T. Boone, MC, USN, whose combined service totals 73 years of faithful work for the Medical Corps.

Both Admirals have visited Oak Knoll on many occasions and each has had a substantial share in the hospital's development.

Admiral Hunt is an "old-timer" in the Bay Area. In December, 1919, six years after he received his commission, he reported for duty at the Hospital Corps Training School, Naval Training Station, San Francisco, and in April, 1920, he took command of the school. He returned to San Francisco in 1943, a little more than a year after Oak Knoll was commissioned. At that time he was advanced to Rear Admiral and assigned to duty as DMO. His next tour of duty took him to Washington to serve as Inspector of Medical Activities for the Navy. Upon his return here two years ago to serve as Inspector, Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast, with additional duty as District Medical Officer, he traded jobs with Admiral Boone. He held this post until his recent retirement.

Admiral Boone, the most decorated man in the Navy Medical Corps, has held many important posts during his 36 years in the service. He became acquainted with Oak Knoll during a tour of duty as Inspector, Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast, and while serving in Washington as Inspector, General, Navy Medical Department, for the past two years, he has visited the hospital on a number of occasions. His last assignment for the Medical Corps took him to Korea for an inspection tour of Navy Medical Facilities in the war zone.

She: "Isn't it odd that the length of a man's arm is equal to the circumference of a girl's waist?"

Recruit: "Let's get a string and see."

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** Dental Dillies Stone and Mitchell had an interesting night in San Jose last Saturday. They saw things which few of us ever see—Eugene Lewandowski likes making artificial limbs, but he'd much rather be up in the clouds. According to him, there's nothing live aviation medicine—Judging from the boxes of goodies Herb Scheiderer gets from his old place of work, they really like him—One of the reasons the Disbursing Office runs so smoothly is efficient and personable Mrs. Bruso—What is Chief Baptie going to do with two TV sets? He won another recently; now he can have one in the bedroom and really enjoy life—Wasn't that Howard Riley applauding at COME BACK, LITTLE SHEBA?—The Army is entranced by Mary Hanlon, but she's faithful to Navy blue—Educational Services is such a versatile unit. They can do anything. This week they're in the Record Office helping out. If you're short of help, contact Andy McClain or "Muggsie" Mahoney. They'll be glad to help you out after office hours—Lou Freese thinks our corpsmen are afraid of girls. At the EM Center dance some of the hostesses weren't being asked to dance—Everyone is still talking about the fast-paced array of acts the EXAMINER brought out to the hospital. Now that all the nite club acts in the Bay Area were out here Petie Bowers won't have to visit the hot spots—Mel Cook, Willie Jefferson, Jim Rock, and Talbert Welch are all puffing with pride. They're HN's! They all celebrated with "coke" at the Quarters.—Stan Miller is fascinated by the Century Bar. In fact, once in there, he can't recognize old friends.—Fred Comas was in Washington and New York last week. He took a draft of patients to Bethesda, Maryland, and came back by way of New York—The Record Office is having so much activity lately that they've added a night shift—The Oak Knoll hills look a lot different this week with all the festive holiday decorations—Speaking of holidays, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## CPO Examinations To Be Given Here

The following enlisted personnel have been nominated to compete in service-wide examinations in rating to Chief Petty Officer, Acting Appointment: F. G. Bruinsma, HM1, E. O. Carr, HM1, G. F. Davis, HM1, F. A. Hoke, HM1, Lucille Moore, HM1, J. M. Pitt, HM1, Edith Rush, HM1, L. R. Stupey, HM1, W. T. Branson, HM1, C. W. Childress, HM1, E. F. Gray, HM1, A. W. McClain, HM1, Catherine O'Mally, HM1, E. E. Robertson, HM1, L. J. Sheldon, HM1, J. C. Shipp, HM1, C. C. Svoboda, HM1, and E. E. Yukna, HM1. These members of the staff will compete for the rank of HMCA, USN, and USNR.

J. H. Picard, DTR1, is nominated to compete for DTRC, and J. T. Garrido, SD1, is eligible to compete for SDC.



Conchita and Enrique display a bit of the terpsichorean grace that gained them encores during a recent "Spanish Revue" held in the hospital auditorium. The show was another product of Al and Beth McKay's "Salute to America's Top Fighting Men." The show lived up to past performances by troupes engaged in the McKays' program to supply entertainment for the armed forces in this area. It was the first completely Latin type show to be shown for some time at the hospital.





Coming up with his usual luck, G. A. Hinschberger, HM2, is shown receiving the ticket entitling him to one of the twenty turkeys given away as door prizes at the Staff Enlisted Dance, 15 December. From left to right are Hinschberger, LT R. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, B. G. Innes, HM1, and Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, who presented the prizes. Jerry Lewis and his band played for the dance, the second to be held in the new Staff Enlisted Recreation Center. A New Year's dance is being planned for Saturday, 30 December.

## Chuckles

A youthful figure is something you get when you ask a woman her age.

In Berlin, two inseparable Texans in the occupation troops were discussing their home state when another soldier joined them. Pausing in his eulogies, one Lone Star booster asked the newcomer, "What state you from, Mac?"

Immediately the other Texan rebuked him. "Don't ever ask that," the partner drawled. "If a man's from Texas, he'll tell you. If he's not there's no need embarrassing him."

Visitor: "Are you the Executive Officer? I have a grandson serving on board."

Any Exec.: "Yes, madam. He's away on leave just now attending your funeral."

Customer: "Look here, waiter, I've found a hair in this turtle soup."

Waiter: "Well, well, so the turtle and the hair finally came in together!"

If all the automobiles in United States were placed end to end—it would be Sunday afternoon.

## A Well Done To Officers' Wives

Reports from the station's Christmas package-wrapping center, where Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon and a corps of energetic assistants have been tying up packages for patients and staff members for the past three weeks, indicate a landslide business has been done there.

The service, conducted by wives of staff officers and chief petty officers, has been provided for several years, and a vote of thanks is due to all who gave their time and effort to the work. Materials for wrapping were provided by the Red Cross.

## Basketball League Will Begin Play in January

The 12th Naval District Basketball League will officially open 8 January, and the Oak Knoll Hospitalmen will host the Moffett Field Flyers at a yet-to-be-named site.

The schedule will give 14 games to each eight participating teams, and the season will last until 26 February. There will be two games per week for each team.

It is still somewhat early to predict just how Coach Joe Reginato's Knollites will fare in the coming casaba calendar, but it's safe to say they'll be in trying all the way.

Teams entered in the cage loop are: Electronics School, Treasure Island, Naval Air Station, Alameda, Mare Island Shipyard, Moffett Field, Naval Air Station, Oakland, Naval Net Depot, Tiburon, HDQP Marines, and Oak Knoll.

South Bend, Ind. (AFPS)—With an urge to do a story dealing with what the players of the Notre Dame football squad do when away from school, a sportswriter approached the coach and asked to speak to the team chaplain.

"Which one," asked the coach, "offensive or defensive?"



"I won't be needing the fire!"

## Chiefs No. 1 & X-ray Take Bowling Lead

CPO's No. 1 continued their winning streak in the current bowling tournament by winning a 4-0 victory over Laundry last week. In other games played, Welfare took a close 3-1 victory from the Nurses, while CPO's No. 2 and X-ray were sweating themselves into a tie match.

Chief Wilson led the Chiefs No. 1 to their victory by taking both high one game honors and total points, with a 207 and 516, respectively.

Welfare had a difficult time edging the Nurses, and the final outcome was in doubt until total pins could be added. Playing an inspired match, the Nurses continually sent the pins reeling all over the alley. Johnson was the margin of victory for Welfare as he took high one game laurels with 211, and then kept up his good work by taking total points, 531.

CPO's No. 2 finally accomplished the heretofore impossible by taking a tie match with X-ray, previously undefeated and untied. In this match Chief Martin and Escallier of X-ray kept up a battle royal, with Chief Martin finally taking both one game honors and high three game total. His one game total was 225 and three game total was 522. His high game of 225 paces the league so far, taking the place of Chief Hasbrook's 224.

The Nurses, only women's team in the tournament, have been one of the surprise packages. Despite their so-called handicap of being the weaker sex, they have proven themselves a worthy opponent. They were one of the few teams to win a game against X-ray and have caused gray hairs on members of all opposing teams. Don't be surprised if they upset the league leaders.

## Sailor on Leave Becomes Fire Hero

New York (AFPS)—A U.S. sailor, home from the Korean front on leave, was the hero of a recent Staten Island fire that cost the lives of five members of a family of six.

The sailor, Edward Kane, a Staten Island resident, was escorting home his first leave date when he saw the fire.

While his date called police, Kane climbed to a rear sun porch by means of a hot metal railing which seared his hands. He found Dorothy Olsen unconscious on her bedroom floor. Placing her across his shoulder, he descended via the hot railing. The girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Olsen, and three other children, died before help could reach them.

Kane has been decorated several times for heroism in action.

## Oh Well, Who Wants To be Smart Anyway

Ann Arbor, Mich. (AFPS)—Guy Tribble, University of Michigan student, has a robot with a mechanical brain that's turned out to be a dope.

After many months of work, disappointed Tribble announced, "It thinks like an idiot. I've worked and worked on it, but all it can do is add one and one."

At first, he said, the robot kept getting zero as the result of one and one. Tribble found out his "idiot" was subtracting instead of adding.

## PREVIEWS

24 December

HIGHWAY 301—Steve Cochran, Virginia Gray. MELODRAMA. This is a fairly authentic case history of the criminal career of the Tri-State Gang that operated sensationally in Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington, D. C. The picture presents in realistic fashion both the acts of violence perpetrated by the gang and the devices of detection by which local, state and Federal law enforcement authorities cooperated to track down the members and bring them to justice or the grave. Rated good by all reviewers.

25 December

THE LOST HORIZON—Ronald Coleman, Jane Wyatt. DRAMA. This Columbia release received wide acclaim when shown to the public for the first time. Rated very good.

26 December

GROUNDS FOR MARRIAGE—Van Johnson, Kathryn Grayson. COMEDY. This is a brand new film by MGM not yet released to the public. With the above-named people playing the lead it should give an entertaining 90 minutes. No rating available.

27 December

MODERN MARRIAGE—Margaret Field, Reed Hadley. MELODRAMA. This is a recent release by Monogram Pictures with a rating of average. Very little information available.

28 December

ALCATRAZ ISLAND—John Littel, Ann Sheridan. MELODRAMA. This is a Warner Brothers reissue that received public approval when first shown. Dealing with the more serious things in life, it received a rating of good from reviewers.

29 December

WAR WITH THE ARMY—Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis. COMEDY. This is a new film by Paramount starring two of the best comedians in the business at the present time. Giving them a chance to display their antics in connection with the Army, this should be their best picture so far. No rating available as yet.

30 December

HIS GIRL FRIDAY—Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell. COMEDY. Adapted from the Hecht-MacArthur stage play, "Front Page," this film delves into the glamour and excitement of newspaper people at work in Chicago. Received a rating of very good when first released.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

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## "World-Famous Violinist" Big Hit With Examiner Christmas Show

When comedian Jack Benny left the hospital last Saturday evening, he did so with many a smile behind him that had been absent before he arrived. To say that Benny's presence was a boon to morale, would be a gross understatement. Ward after ward howled in appreciation of his and his troupe's antics, as they kept up a blistering pace to complete their entire tour.

Along with "Mr. LS/MFT," a talented supporting cast made the ward shows take on an almost production-like appearance. Backing up the wit of Benny, was the charming film star, Constance Moore. Miss Moore captivated her audiences with song, and then pitched in with Benny to create more laughter.

Also on the San Francisco Exami-

ner War Wounded Show program was a return engagement of the "Four Jokers," currently appearing at Facks in San Francisco. Along with M.C. Russ Byrd, this combo was a mild sensation. Examiner columnist Herb Caen has called them one of the freshest new acts to hit the area in some time, and Oak Knoll patients are quick to agree.

A surprise appearance brought two of the most famous members of the Phil Harris band along to accompany Miss Moore in her singing. They were pianist Charlie Bagby, and guitarist Frank Remley, the latter being the brunt of Harris' jokes for the last fifteen years.

The show wouldn't have been complete without some violin work from

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## Vets Christmas Committee Show Brings Famous Professional Acts

The Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee Show made its annual Yuletide appearance here last Thursday night in the station auditorium, and as usual the show rated near the top of those presented during the year.

A packed auditorium enjoyed the professional acts immensely, and as much of a treat was the M.C. work of Bill Thompson, a local entertainer, who is more commonly known as Mr. Wimple, Nick Depopolous, and Mr. Old Timer on the Fibber McGee and Molly program. Thompson, always noted for returning to his home town to appear on worthy shows, was the perfect master of ceremonies.

The program began with Alicia Arroyo in a Spanish dance act, and then went to Rochelle and Beebe, an out-

standing comedy dance team, which received a loud encore.

Glen Hurlburt, pianist who has overcome the same handicap as Alec Templeton, gave forth with several numbers, including all classes of music. His nimble fingers picked out both "boogie" and classical numbers with ease. Mr. Hurlburt is noted for his own composition, the "Cable Car Concerto." This is an unusual name but not from a native of San Francisco.

An outstanding comic song and dance team was that of Ford and Harris who kicked and danced themselves into a frenzy next on the stage. They were followed by the famous "Taylor Maids," noted for their shows on TV and radio. They have appeared several times on the Bob Hope

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Geronimo, the famous Indian warrior chief, died in 1910. While on his death bed, the red warrior was under constant guard by Uncle Sam's Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. When Colonel Ennis, the Commanding Officer, told Father Isidore, "The Comanche Priest," that Geronimo was near death, the priest said he would go to see him. The Colonel advised against it, saying: "I wouldn't do it, Father. His friends have been urging the old man all his life. I'm afraid it would be useless."

But in a few minutes the priest was ready with horse and buggy, and invited the Colonel to accompany him. At the aged chieftain's bedside, Father Isidore began conversation: "Pretty sick, Geronimo?" The old chief merely grunted. "Going to die?" asked the priest. "Uh-huh," the Indian grunted. "Got your horses all branded, Geronimo?" the priest went on. "Uh-huh," Geronimo answered with a little more spirit. "You branded for Jesus, Geronimo? Jesus won't know you if you're not," said Father Isidore.

That was talking the old chief's language, the language of the plains. After Father explained what was meant, the dying man asked to be baptized. He died a Christian.

You know what branding means. To brand means to make a mark upon something, especially upon the thick hide of an animal, by burning with a hot iron. Sometimes an owner burns the first initial of his last name on the hide of his cattle. It means those cattle belong to him.

Geronimo wanted to belong to Jesus. He wanted to be branded for Jesus. We do not brand human beings on their flesh, but we do brand them on the soul. When one receives the sacrament of Baptism, he receives upon his soul, as it were, the brand of God. He receives an indelible mark that cannot be removed, washed away or blotted out. This mark or sign is one of the effects of the sacrament of Baptism. It stamps a seal upon the soul as a special member of God's family.

By Baptism, one becomes a child of God. A child may be faithless to his father, but he always remains his child. A soldier may desert, but he remains a soldier. This seal upon the soul will increase our merit or demerit, according to the manner in which we are true or untrue to it.

By means of the sacraments Christ is still with us. Do not let Him go unrecognized. As we approach and prepare for the New Year of Our Lord 1951, think of what the sacrament of Baptism does for us. It makes us God's own with an unerasable mark. We are branded for Christ. May we live for Christ not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year seeing reminders of Him in nature all around us as did the poet who wrote:

"I see His Blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of His eyes,  
His Body gleams amid eternal snows,  
His tears fall from the skies.

I see His face in every flower;  
The Thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but His voice—and carved by His power  
Rocks are His written words.

All pathways by His feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
His cross is every tree."

—A. T. Wallace, Catholic Chaplain.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—James D. Hester, E. L. Wade  
Sunday—  
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....0945  
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100  
Church Service, Chapel.....1100  
Monday—  
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800  
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.  
The Chaplains' offices are located in Ward 40-A.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—A. T. Wallace, W. Trower.  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory  
0900 in Large Chapel  
1215 in Catholic Oratory

Confessions before Mass.  
Mass Monday to Saturday, 0645, 1150.  
Novena and Study Club, Tuesdays.....1900

**Bus service has been arranged for ward patients for both Catholic and Protestant divine services. The bus will pick up patients fifteen minutes before each service and return them to their respective wards after each service.**

## Red Cross Ramblings

**SEASON'S MEMORIES:** The holiday season at Oak Knoll is well on its way to oblivion. Like all good fun, it leaves us with impressions and thoughts that will stay with us all year long. Some of them are:

The corpsmen and patients on Ward 46 pushing a piano around the ramps so that they could be sure to participate in the carols on Christmas Eve.

The crackle, color, and disarray of red and green Christmas wrappings at the Red Cross—the smell of waffles baking on wards. Sgt. Horace G. Smith, Ward 42-A, has become an expert cracking walnut shells (why were there so few left to mix with the waffle batter? Ask Cpl. Archie Thurmond who was Smith's aide). Santa hanging on to his slipping pillow-like stomach—the energy, stamina, and vibrant personalities of the officers' and chiefs' wives who ran the jointly sponsored wrapping service—the nurses who wrapped the kiddies' presents—the mingled aroma of evergreens, oranges, apples, fruitcake and gayly bedecked Christmas cookies.

The Santa Claus who couldn't be weighed on any ward scales because they only go up to 300 pounds. (No padding on that Santa!)

The beautiful candlelight services at the chapel and all those who sang in the choir. A real inspiration!

Captain S. S. Cook accompanied Santa Claus and his fairy princess to wish the patients on Ward 49-A and B a Merry Christmas. The princess, age 10 and dressed in a white fur costume, even to a silver tiara on her white fur cap, was hoisted on a gurney and wheeled along as she distributed the gifts from the Veterans' Committee to the patients sleeping on the upper-tiered beds.

When Santa Claus entered Ward 46-A to the music of the accordionist, the patients gave him a big cheer; we whispered a request (The Marines Hymn), and at that the patients all joined in with lusty tenor and baritone voices. One of the patients received a Hawaiian ukulele for a gift, with nylon strings, and he began scanning the instructions and plunking away as Santa Claus made his way into the next ward.

The Down Beats Quartette, who sang for all the ambulatory patients in the Red Cross Lounge, also Steve Shepherd, the magician deluxe who delighted the men with his "tricks," whatever did happen to that yellow canary?

The patients on Ward 80B who joined in the singing of the Christmas Carols with the accordionist.

Our marvelous Gray Ladies who prefer to spend Christmas with their patients here, and husbands who helped with the mulling of hot spiced cider and other pleasant chores.

And from all the Red Cross staff and Gray Ladies we wish you—  
**A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## President Praises Military Chaplains

**Washington (AFPS)** — President Truman recently had words of praise for military chaplains "who are risking their lives to bring spiritual guidance to the young men who are defending our spiritual traditions." "On behalf of the American public," the President said, "I want to congratulate our chaplains on the fine work they are doing—on foreign shores, ships at sea, and in the front lines of the Korean battleground."

## LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

### 17 December

LOCH, Linda Sue, to wife of John Loch, MR3, 6 pounds, 10½ ounces.

CROTTY, Joseph Lawrence, to wife of Eugene Crotty, BM2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

THOMPSON, James Richard, to wife of James Thompson, EM1, 7 pounds, 2½ ounces.

GORDON, Paula Gale, to wife of Harding Gordon, AM1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

TRACY, Boy, to wife of Larry Tracy, SN1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

UMBENHOWER, Sylvia Marie, to wife of James Umbenhowe, AN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

### 18 December

JOHNSON, Susan Mary, to wife of Duane Johnson, YNT2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

VERNA, Denise May, to wife of Peter Verna, Jr., GMSN, 7 pounds.

PAHL, Dale Edward, to wife of Herschel Pahl, LT, 9 pounds, 3¼ ounces.

ANDREWS, William Henry, II, to wife of William Andrews, YN1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

OBAL, Danilo Pastor, to wife of Pastor Obal, TN, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

### 19 December

WAGNER, Linda Sue, to wife of Walter Wagner, ET1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

RIDENOUR, Judith Ann, to wife of James Ridenour, FP3, 9 pounds, 5½ ounces.

BURNETT, Boy, to wife of William E. Burnett, Jr., ET2, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

BOLTON, Bennie V. Jr., to wife of Bennie V. Bolton, TN, 6 pounds, 8¼ ounces.

SMITH, Jay Alan, to wife of Roderick Smith, YNSN, 7 pounds, 11½ ounces.

EUDAILEY, Teresia Jane, to wife of James Eudailey, AN, 6 pounds, 1½ ounces.

ROMNESS, Kay Ann, to wife of Kenneth Romness, LTJG, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

GREGAN, Karen Adrienne, to wife of John Gregan, MMC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

LARSON, Amy Elizabeth, to wife of Phillip Larson, LTJG, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

SAUCIER, Girl, to wife of Led Saucier, AB1, 8 pounds, 4½ ounces.

HALLUM, Lonney Leon, to wife of Aubrey Hallum, HN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

### 20 December

VAVRA, Peggy Jo, to wife of Jerome Vavra, SA, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

BEARDSLEY, Sandra Lee, to wife of Tracy Beardsley, AM3, 6 pounds, 4½ ounces.

CISOTTO, Ronald James, to wife of Joe Cisotto, Cpl, 6 pounds, 10¼ ounces.

GIDLEY, Gene Paul, to wife of Ernest Gidley, ADC, 6 pounds, 5½ ounces.

BESS, Boy, to wife of George Bess, ET1, 9 pounds, 10 ounces.

JOHNSON, Douglas Allen, to wife of Jess Johnson, RDSN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

RYAN, Tara Lynn, to wife of William Ryan, ETC, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

### 21 December

MAESTAS, Boy, to wife of Frank Maestas, Pic, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

SAPP, Thomas Ray, to wife of Thomas Sapp, AK2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

SMITH, Girl, to wife of William Smith, AD2, 7 pounds, 4½ ounces.

HANLEY, Sharon Kay, to wife of James Hanley, Major, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

### 22 December

OLINGER, Boy, to wife of Frank C. Olinger, CSI, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

HEATH, James Allan, to wife of Henry Heath, Capt., 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

HUGEL, Sharon Louise, to wife of Charles Hugel, LT, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

VAN SANT, Deborah Lynn, to wife of Richard Van Sant, S/Sgt, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

LUCAS, James Grant Hainline, Jr., to wife of James Grant Lucas, SKG3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

ELLIOTT, Brenda Kathleen, to wife of Ralph Elliott, AD1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

MOORE, Thomas Richard, to wife of Donald Moore, GMM3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

### 23 December

DYRNES, Candace Jo, to wife of Wilbur Dyernes, YN1, 7 pounds, 15½ ounces.

KELLY, Jeannie Suzanne, to wife of Harold Kelly, LT, 7 pounds, 7¼ ounces.

HARGIS, Michael Jack, to wife of Jack Hargis, ADAN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

HOGUE, Clinton Joseph, to wife of Clinton Hogue, Pic, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

STOKES, Sharon Kathleen, to wife of Alred C. Stokes, FN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

SULLIVAN, Linda Jo, to wife of Joseph Sullivan, LTJG, 7 pounds, 2½ ounces.





Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ginochio of Oakland, stand with Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, beside the RCA Victor Television set, which they recently presented to Ward 62A. Others in the picture are, left to right: Pfc. A. L. Bolduc, Pfc. H. C. Henson, Pfc. Richard Mortenson, Pfc. Raymond Gibson, Max Van Deuer, HM2, Pfc. Joseph E. Reynolds. The Ginochios are one of the many families throughout the country who made Christmas a happier one for patients of service hospitals.

## Big New Year's Dance At New Staff EM Center

A banner crowd is expected to "ring out the old, and ring in the new" this Saturday night in the Staff Enlisted Recreation Center. Although a day premature, the party will take on the New Year's Eve twist, and if you like to start your celebrating early, this is the place to do it.

Festivities will start at 7:30 when bandleader Larry Capelli raises his baton for the opening dance selection. Capelli was such a success at the center's commissioning ceremonies that he has been asked to return.

Dancing will continue until 11:30, and throughout the evening there will be all the free beer you can drink.

The center, which will soon be one month old, in its present modernized condition, has been a roaring success up to now. The staff of the center encourages all enlisted staff personnel to attend the party and bring wives and dates. It will be not only the last but the best of the year.

## Veteran's Com. Show

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program, and just recently accompanied the comedian on his Korean tour. They were recognized immediately by several Korean casualties at this hospital who had been present at their show in Korea. In true professional style, they gave out with "Crash, Bam, Ala Kazam," "Bushel and a Peck," and "Powder Your Face with Sunshine."

Last, but not least, on the program, Fred Sanborn, world renowned xylophone and marimba player, gave out with a few selections, integrated with his humorous monologue. He was assisted by his wife from backstage producing various needed effects.

As in past years, the show was a tremendous success and left everyone in the audience feeling that the Veterans' Hospital Committee had again given them an evening to remember.

A method for decaffeinating coffee first came to light when a European coffee merchant received a shipment of coffee beans damaged by ocean water.

## Music Soothes Patient While Doctor Carves

Chicago (AFPS)—Surgeons at Billings Hospital have found a way to relax patients who are undergoing operations. By employing a stethoscope type set of earphones, patients are able to listen to their favorite selections while the surgeon is working on them.

Doctors have been experimenting with the system for nearly three years. The idea, they report, isn't new. In recorded history, Pharaoh's physicians used chanting to soothe the distressed.

The rapidly growing record library includes everything from operas to children's records.

## Godfrey Wins Wings In Naval Air Reserve

By Armed Forces Press Service

There's a new Navy flyer who's doing for the older generation of wingmen what Ezio Pinza did for the older generation of lovers.

A big red-headed, Will Rogerish fellow, Arthur Godfrey by name, now proudly boasts the coveted Navy wings.

A lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve since 1939, Godfrey won his wings and full commander's stripes recently by taking the complete three-month Instructor's Course in 14 days at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola.

Better known for his daily radio and television shows, Godfrey tucked his uke under his arm and took to the air in the SNJ plane with the endurance of a pilot much younger than his 47 years.

Flying three flights daily, he accumulated a fine record in such aviation phases as formation flying, gunnery, and combat tactics. He has long experience in civilian flying.

When not working for his wings, he did a great deal of entertaining at the Naval Hospital and for his fellow officers.

Look magazine, in a recent article concerning his feat, quoted "old man" Godfrey, upon receiving his hard-to-get wings: "I'm so proud, I'm just busting!"

## Welcome and Farewell

Oak Knoll showed a gain of 65 staff members for the week of 20 December through 26 December as four were detached and sixty-nine reported aboard.

Detached were LTJG G. F. Ward, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; LTJG's Louise Cowart, and Dorothy M. Carter, to civilian life; and LTJG J. T. Mangan, to Commandant, Twelfth Naval District.

Reporting aboard were LT Georgia A. Jones, from Commandant, Twelfth Naval District; LT J. C. Bacon, from USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex.; LTJG Margaret A. Smith, from USNH, Yokosuka, Japan; LTJG P. H. Suess, from USNTPC, Great Lakes, Ill.; LTJG Lois C. Robinson, from USS Haven (T-AH12); J. C. Odom, HMC, from NAS, Jacksonville, Florida; O. L. Jacobson, HMC, from USS LSM 397; W. E. Potts, HM1, from ACB No. 2; HM2's P. J. Nicolini, L. A. Lewis, Jr., E. J. Serpa, and W. D. Kinkley, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM3's H. A. Clark, and W. D. MacFarland, from USNRS, Treasure Island, Calif.; HM3's D. Aoki, T. R. Craven, R. C. Templin, F. R. Tolbert, R. L. Zeek, D. E. Daniel, F. D. Ahlstrom, H. L. Butler, W. H. Collins, E. T. Fowler, Jr., D. W. Gallineau, R. L. Ivey, J. M. Netzler, J. M. Reynolds, and B. F. Wilhelmus, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; HM3's R. J. Henry, L. A. Lee, H. M. Meyer, W. T. Pennington, and T. E. Tosh, from USNH, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; K. F. Binks, HM3, from Camp Lejeune, N.C.; M. N. Heberling, HN, from USNMS, NMMC, Bethesda, Maryland; HN's E. M. Riley, L. B. Proffitt, J. M. McMillen, J. E. Kington, R. F. Izquierdo, G. G. Carrillo, T. E. Brooks, S. K. Beeler, and T. R. Aasum, Jr., from USNH, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; HN's W. E. Thompson, H. J. Walling, R. J. Rains, F. E. Noe, M. O. McGaughan, R. L. Harrison, W. Harper, Jr., G. Hampton, R. C. Grace, F. G. Felicia, L. A. Dunstan, D. L. Clark, P. J. Castille, J. R. Burton, R. A. Babin, M. N. Munic, J. E. Montoya, T. L. Marr, J. S. Forbush, G. A. Cizan, and P. R. Bowlby, from USNH, San Diego, Calif.; and HN's G. H. Jensen, R. A. Cate, and G. E. Baker, from USNRS, Treasure Island, California.



Glamorous Constance Moore delights a ward audience last Saturday with a rendition of "Shine On, Harvest Moon." Miss Moore was a member of the Jack Benny troupe, which entertained on the wards through the sponsorship of the San Francisco Examiner War Wounded Show.

## Oak Knoll Patient Receives Silver Star

Sgt. Jack Macy, USMC, of Ward 74-B, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving with the First Marine Division on 26 September, three miles west of Seoul, Korea.

Macy was in charge of a platoon holding a ridge atop "Hill 305," when 25 North Koreans, armed with automatic weapons, began to overrun the Marines' position. Macy ordered his men to pull back, and as they did so, he held the enemy at bay with his carbine. Although he was wounded, he kept up his fire until his men were safe.

The citation was signed by Major General Oliver P. Smith, USMC.

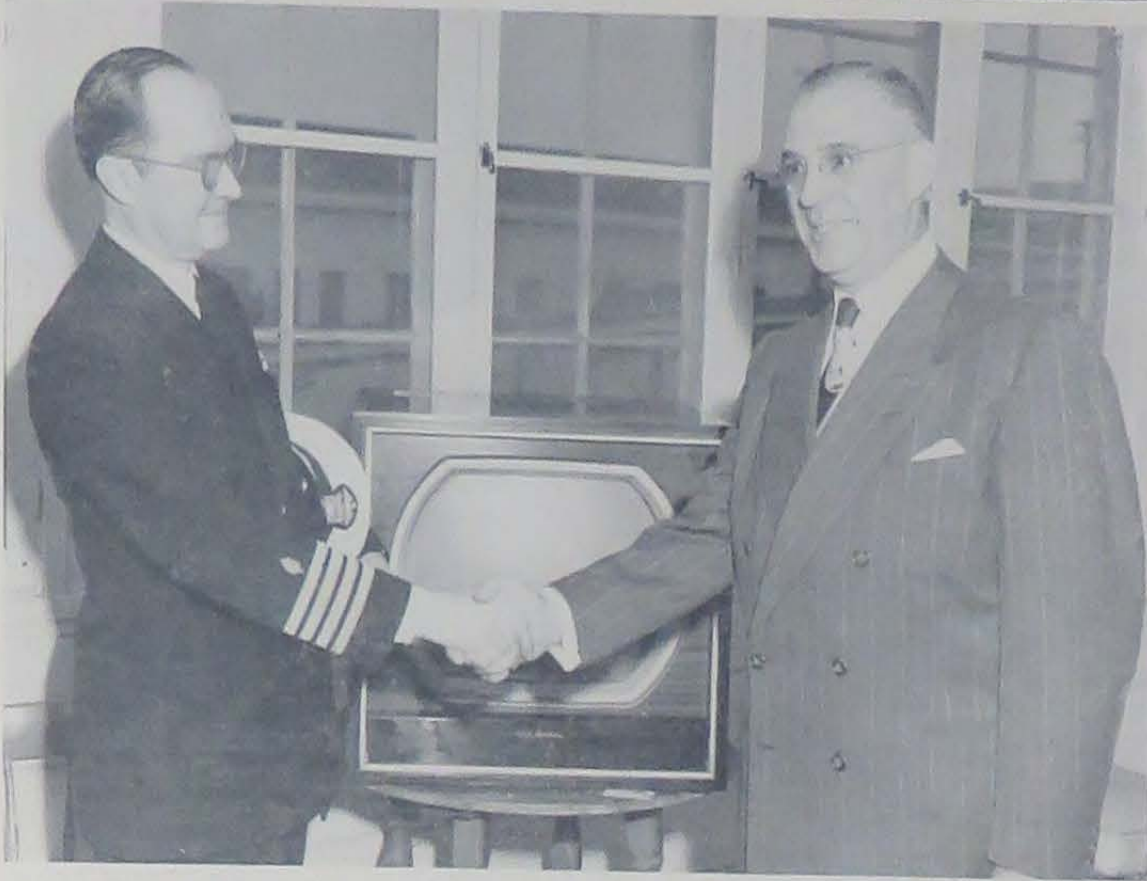
Where the Pan American Highway crosses the Equator a few miles north of Quito, Ecuador, the traveler can stand with one foot in each hemisphere, and shiver in an overcoat because of the altitude.

Jet planes burn fuel so fast that instead of an ordinary gauge they carry a liquidometer that constantly ticks off the number of gallons left.



Gathered together after their performance Thursday night, are the entertainers and people who made the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee Show possible. Left to right: Bob Reeves, Jr., Bill Thompson, master of ceremonies, Fred Sanborn, Glenn Hurlburt, Mrs. Hurlburt, Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, H. B. Fisher, vice president of the committee and the man who made the show possible, and LT. R. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer.





Captain J. N. C. Gordon, MC, USN, Executive Officer, accepts an RCA Victor Television Set from Henry F. Ball, representing Hazel Atlas Glass Company, Western Pacific Railroad, and Owen Illinois Glass Company. Ball presented the set on behalf of the three companies, and it was installed on Ward 76A.

## U. S. to Control Souvenir Trophies

Washington (AFPS) — Lay that pistol down, fellah, lay that pistol down—in fact, don't pick it up at all.

This is the practical advice offered by the Army's Provost Marshal General, who has been assigned the task of controlling the unauthorized return to the United States of lethal war trophies, often collected by military and civilian personnel as souvenirs.

Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall said recently that the Korean situation has rekindled the problem with respect to controlling the shipment of guns and other dangerous ordnance equipment. "Many of the war trophies are, in fact, lethal weapons which may cause accidental death or injury; if used by criminals, may aid in fostering crime or violence," the General said.

## Letter of Thanks

United Spanish War Veterans

E. H. Liscum Camp No. 7,  
U.S.W.V.

Department of California

Veterans Memorial Building

200 Grand Avenue

Oakland 10, California

December 21, 1950

Captain S. S. Cook  
Commanding Officer  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
8750 Mountain Blvd.  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of our Camp a motion was made and carried by unanimous vote that we express thanks and appreciation to you and your entire staff for the splendid care and attention given to Spanish War veterans. We have had no complaints from any comrades, nothing but praise.

We are truly grateful and wish to extend the Season's Greetings and best wishes in the New Year.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) W. H. Brewer  
Commander

## Examiner Brings Show

(Continued from page 1)

the Waukegan maestro, and, to the surprise of many, although his repertoire was somewhat limited, Benny performed in a professional manner.

It was the troupe's third day of appearances at service and veterans' hospitals in this area, but they retained all the vim and vitality of an opening night. They more than gained the hospital's whole-hearted "well done."

## Navy Plans to Recall 15,000 Enlisted Men

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy plans to recall 15,000 experienced enlisted reservists in the spring to "substantially complete" present naval expansion plans.

In addition, the Navy in July, 1951, will call up an unspecified number of recruits and apprentice seamen with less than six months' active service to replace trained reserves now serving involuntarily.

Wave reserves will be recalled only if they are communication technicians. Orders will be issued four months ahead of reporting dates for all classifications "when possible," the Navy said.

## Red Officers Are Stubborn, Refuse Truth

By Armed Forces Press Service

The invasion of Korea by the Chinese Communist forces has produced many questions in the minds of those who oppose them. One such question is "What do the Chinese Communist army officers think?"

Albert Ravenholt, foreign correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, recently visited a prisoner of war camp and spoke to officers of the People's Liberation Armies captured by the Nationalists last autumn. Here he found a group of men whose ability to read and write, as a group, is limited to the bare essentials but who have been indoctrinated in the belief that Russia is just "sort of a guest of China—an outsider who has been invited to work with them."

In this camp, these men were undergoing a period of re-education and the task was a difficult one. Their one source of reference in any debate was the New China News Agency. It took time to get them to admit that the NCNA wasn't giving all the facts.

They refused to believe that their leader, Mao Tse-tung was "selling out China to Russia." They said if such were the case the Chinese Communist officers would refuse to fight for him.

Mr. Ravenholt points out that so long as the Chinese Communist leaders are convinced that they are fighting "for the people," it will take more than a major famine and other economic troubles to disturb their faith in Communism.

Husband: "Don't make any more of these biscuits, dear."

Better Half: "Why?"

Husband: "You're too light for such heavy work."

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Customer: "I would like a book, please."

Bookseller: "Something light?"

Customer: "That doesn't matter—I have my car with me."

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"Well, what are you yapping about?" said the weary old sergeant, trying to get his offspring to sleep.

"Daddy, I want a drink," answered the child.

Replied the Sarge, "So do I. Now go to sleep."

## Children Enjoy Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party for children of staff personnel, was held last Friday in the station auditorium, and over 200 kiddies came, enjoyed, and went home satisfied over the entire event.

The program included a film presentation, featuring cartoons of different varieties, and a show put on by Pat Patterson and his marionettes.

Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer, then called for Santa Claus to make an appearance, and in no time at all the bearded gent was on deck to distribute gifts to all children present.

## Midnight Snack Served To Boys in Korea

With U. S. 7th Inf. Div., Korea (AFPS)—The time—midnight. The place—cold, windy Korea. The characters—three mess sergeants.

Sgt. James H. Russell speaks: "I got an idea the boys up there might like some hot doughnuts."

That set the ball rolling.

In hardly no time, Sgts. John G. Zumbrum and Jesse Vinning had two field stoves red hot.

Sgt. Russell was whipping up a batch of dough.

After that, every five minutes 140 doughnuts—hot and golden—were being coming out of the grease.

Quartermaster trucks were pressed into service. Hot coffee and doughnuts were speeding to the forward positions.

"Send us more," was the message returned.

Two hours and 9,000 sinkers later, the sergeants dropped into chairs. A job well done as far as the cold-bitten foot soldiers were concerned.

## Educational Info

Patients and Staff needing information concerning courses, schooling requirements, and service aptitude tests, may secure such information by contacting the Education Information Office, Building 132, Extension 221.



Mrs. Mildred Turner, an employee at the Friden Calculator Company in San Leandro, has both a son and a son-in-law fighting in Korea. Wanting to do something about the war effort herself, she baked a big fruitcake and raffled it off among her co-workers at the calculator plant. After being on display for two days, the cake sold for \$110, and the full amount was presented to Captain S. S. Cook last Saturday for the purchase of magazine subscriptions for the hospital. Here to deliver the check were Mrs. R. S. Murray, Mrs. Carmen Rose, Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. John Codner, who are pictured, left to right above, with the Commanding Officer.



## Who's Who . . .

When Leon Herzog, HM2, arrived at Oak Knoll in October, after being called up from the reserve, it didn't take long to find an appropriate job for him. It was right to the Pharmacy, where he could put into practice a lot of the knowledge accumulated while picking up his B.S. Degree in Pharmacy at College of the Ozarks.

From the time of discharge from his World War II hitch up to his recent entrance, Herzog has confined most of his time to knocking his brains out over the rough science curricula at the Clarksville, Arkansas, institution which he now calls "alma mater."

Little Rock, Arkansas, is Herzog's home, and it was from here that he enlisted in September 1943. In between service hitches, and when studies don't occupy his time, Herzog cuts a mean figure on skates.

It was sort of a homecoming for Thomas H. Barnes, Jr., HM2, when he arrived at this station 7 November. It was here that he was greeted by the aforementioned Mr. Herzog with whom he had ventured through pharmacy studies at College of the Ozarks.

It must have been a double pleasure then, when they assigned him to the Pharmacy. It was the first time they had worked side-by-side without visions of midterms dancing in their heads.

Barnes had a few months' experience working in a Little Rock drugstore before his recall to duty, but had to chuck that when the Navy beckoned. He now resides in Oakland with his wife, Martha.

Harry McClelland, Jr., HM2, of the Record Office, is a native of Dallas, Texas, but now calls Wichita Falls, a different town in the "panhandle"

of the same state, his home.

11 November was McClelland's day of happy tidings, as it had once before been in 1948. He reported to Oak Knoll 30 November, and since has been waiting for good weather

so he can play tennis or hit the wilds for some hunting and fishing. These are his favorite recreational activities until the spring madness of baseball takes over.

As a civilian, he pursued the occupation of pressman with the Times Publishing Company in Wichita Falls. He is an active member and past officer of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union of North America.

During World War II, he saw duty aboard the USS Gen. E. T. Collins (AP-147) for 27 months in the Pacific theater of operations.



Ward 49-A was treated to a Christmas party and some diminutive glamour last Saturday as is evident in the picture above. Only patient identified is Pfc. Robert J. Kelley, USMC, second from left. To his left are Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer of the hospital, Santa Claus (H. G. Hellett), and the party's princess, Barbara Jean Hellett.

## Hi-Lites

Philadelphia (AFPS) — The FBI arrested two men for rustling cattle here.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (AFPS)—A snowman was caught directing traffic. Police discovered that someone had built a snowman at an intersection. It was such a clever likeness that motorists were following the direction of the raised arm.

Albany, N.Y. (AFPS)—John Lahut was sentenced to six months in jail for hitting his wife with the plaster cast enclosing his broken arm.

Carlyle, Ill. (AFPS)—A high school freshman filled out his registration certificate perfectly until he came to the blank asking for his parents' names. There he wrote, "Mother and Father."

Gallipolis, Ohio (AFPS) — Wesley Hurt had little difficulty obtaining a divorce when he listed his reasons for the judge. He told the court his wife shot at him, tried to scald him with boiling water, retired each night with a loaded shotgun held at his back, demanded all his earnings and wouldn't cook for him.

## Silver Plate Saves Life of U.S. Soldier

U. S. Fifth Army in Korea (AFPS) —Pfc. Richard F. Webb, of Geneva, N. Y., has full respect for the silver plate Army medical officers placed in his head after he was wounded in World War II.

Now a forward ground controller with a Mosquito squadron in Korea, Webb recently was hit in the head by an enemy bullet.

The bullet hit the plate and bounced off, leaving only a superficial scalp wound.

## Caught in the Draft

Detroit (AFPS)—Sgt. Robert Lewis, an Air National Guardsman, recently escaped death when he was sucked into the intake scoop of a jet fighter.

Lewis was halfway into the scoop when Sgt. Joseph Cuzenza grabbed his legs and frantically motioned the pilot to turn off the engines. He escaped with only minor bruises.

The advertising man was proposing. "Remember," he said, "this is the last day for this astounding offer."



Members of P&A pose during their Christmas party held last Friday afternoon. This gathering was typical of those held in all hospital departments. Helping the staff to celebrate the Yuletide, and also playing the part of Santa Claus are, far left, left to right: L. E. Annick, CWOHC, LCDR A. Boudle, MSC, USN, and Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN. Gifts were exchanged among all members of the hospital staff, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

## Scuttlebutt

By DERF

**STUFF 'N STUFF:** You can all breathe again; Annie Green arrived at Bethesda, Maryland, safely—Poor Floy Jackson has her troubles. On the days she has the duty, she must rise at 5 a.m. to get to a phone, call her home, awaken her husband, and get him to work on time—when does Oliver Rosback sleep? His girl in Alameda keeps him awake during the day and he works nights. Oh, these youths! They have so much stamina—wasn't that Mark Lewis in his convertible down at North Beach last week end? Who were all those passengers?—Fred Allen would rather roller skate than sleep or eat; you know how corpsmen love to sleep, so skating is really his passion—Just what does Russ Hermanson have? He draws dates from as far as Modesto—George Papadakis says wine helps keep an athlete in trim—Boo Eisenman is getting a lot less business since he moved his post office up to Building 135. By the time you get your oxygen mask adjusted for the climb up the air, trek up and return, half a day is shot!—Marion Morey thinks the waves barracks should be christened "Top O' the Clouds"—Clem Maddox played Santa for the Administration Building's Christmas party. His "costume" was made on the spur of the moment from sheets, colodion and cotton, and pillows. Presents exchanged ranged from a hair net for a young Warren Stinson (not his name, either) to a toy bear for Chief Frank ("Bring 'em back alive") Bak to a box of "Duz" for Clem Guth—Don't ask Al Litchfield what went on at the P&A party—Notice that big grin on Chief Shields' face? The more men that report for duty, the wider the grin—Will Branson and Larry Brown spent the Christmas holidays in arty Carmel-by-the-sea. They're such vultures-for-culture—Bob Innes went camping down L.A. way with his family—Bill Johnson spent his holidays amid the clanking of Nevada's slot machines—Jim Rock and Johnny Downs celebrated Christmas Sunday with Mort Foster's in-laws—While we're on the subject of in-laws, Jim Foster's mother-in-law just dotes on him. You should see the deluge of gifts Jim receives from her—Horticulturists and beauty lovers should meander down the path between X-ray and Physio and take a gander at the dilly in full bloom—Ronnie Fritz has been encouraging some of his SN friends to become HN's. They'll be sorry!!—The males on the Compound would have been lost during the holidays without the gift wrapping service sponsored by the Officers' and Chiefs' wives—Who could keep his mind on his turkey during Christmas dinner with R. D. Allen's chicken in the same room?—Inez Watson pops poinsettias instead of champagne—**REMINDER:** Gala New Year's dance at the EM Center this Saturday night—orchestra and free beer. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Divorce Judge: "Now just why do you wish a divorce, Mrs. Wanglock?"

Mrs. Wanglock: "You Honor, you know I am the mother of the child movie star, Dimpled Darling, and this man never calls me anything but 'the goose that laid the golden egg'!"



PREVIEWS

31 December

**KIM (COLOR)**—Errol Flynn, Dean Stockwell, Paul Lukas. **ADVENTURE**. An up-to-date picture showing colorful India in all its variegated raiment and intrigue. Kim, a white boy, born and raised in India, is taken into care by the British who educate him and place him in an orphanage home. In doing this, they do not prevent his escapades into native ways, nor his devotion to one of the natives of the country. It is through this devotion that the British are able to rid the country of two Russian agents. All character players are excellent. Rated good.

1 January

**ARIZONA**—Jean Arthur, William Holden. **WESTERN**. This is a Columbia reissue that gives a good picture of the older days in Arizona. As usual, there is a romantic air to the picture with all ending well. With two good western performers starring in this film, it will give movie-goers an interesting 108 minutes. Rated good.

2 January

**THE GREAT MISSOURI RAID (COLOR)**—Wendell Corey, MacDonald Carey. **WESTERN**. This is another of the James Brothers' stories full of sweeping action. This film blames the brothers' actions on the revenge motive which runs throughout the picture. Included in the scenes are various burglaries, the ill-fated train robbery from which the film takes its title, and closes on the assassination of Jesse James. Promising to take high rank among the screen's successful westerns, the picture was rated excellent by all reviewers.

**PRAIRIE ROUND-UP**—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette. **WESTERN**. Picturing Smiley and Starrett at their best, this is another of Columbia's famous westerns. Re-issued because of its success in previous showings, it will give western lovers a good evening's entertainment. Rated very good by reviewers.

3 January

**COUNTY FAIR (COLOR)**—Rory Calhoun, Jane Nigh. **DRAMA**. This is one of Monogram's best pictures of the year, featuring two little known but excellent actors. With very good color and full effects of life at the fair shown, the film was enjoyed by all who saw it. Rated good by reviewers.

4 January

**AT WAR WITH THE ARMY**—Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis. **COMEDY**. This is a new film by Paramount starring two of the best comedians in the business at the present time. Giving them a chance to display their antics in connection with the Army, this should be their best picture so far. No rating available as yet.

5 January

**MRS. MIKE**—Dick Powell, Evelyn Keyes. **DRAMA**. This is a recent release by United Artists, giving Miss Keyes a chance to display her talents to best effect. Powell is excellent in his characterization also. If you enjoy drama, this film will give you your money's worth.

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Oakland 14, California

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(Fold in half and then in thirds and staple.)

Warmin' the Bench

By Armed Forces Press Service

Back in January 1934, Stanford brought a team into the Rose Bowl and proceeded to drop a game to Columbia 7-0. That defeat was laughed off by far Westerners because the biggest batch of California's "unusual" weather-ever flooded the floor of the big bowl to a depth of four feet and it took every fire engine in Pasadena hours to pump out the place in time for the kickoff.

The next year the Indians came back to the same spot and lost on a dry field, 29-13, to a great Alabama eleven which presented such immortals as Dixie Howell, Don Huston, and Bill Lee. That was just too much for Stanford to stomach and so, at the start of 1936, a great aggregation from Southern Methodist ran into a buzz saw and lost, 7-0, as Stanford made its third straight appearance.

Third time's the charm, said all of the cliché kids.

As they prepare for Michigan, California's Golden Bears are in much the same kind of psychological boat. California dropped a 20-13 decision to Northwestern a couple of years ago when an official handed down a ruling which favored the Wildcats on one weird play. There was no doubt at all when Ohio State polished off the Berkeleys last New Year's Day, even though the score, 17-14, was slightly closer.

Now comes the clincher and everyone from Fritz Crisler and Bennie Oosterbaan on down at Ann Arbor must realize that California is psychologically set for the Wolverines; that history frequently repeats; and that the Bears appear to have the better record.

These circumstances and facts add up to the probability that California will beat Michigan by at least seven points.

Sports Quiz

QUESTIONS

By Armed Forces Press Services

1. What baseball player was acclaimed as the "comeback of 1950"?
2. How many men went the full distance with Jack Dempsey when he was heavyweight champ?
3. Was Amos Alonzo Stagg, famous football coach, ever voted All-America as a player?
4. Who spent the most time in hockey's penalty box in 1949?
5. Which major league sluggers hit over 500 home runs during their stays in big time?

ANSWERS

1. Eddie Waitkus, Phillie first sacker.
2. Two men, Tommy Gibbons and Gene Tunney.
3. Yes. He was chosen on Walter Camp's original All-America when he was playing for Yale in 1889.
4. Bill Ezinicki of the Maple Leafs, who spent 144 minutes there.
5. Babe Ruth, Jimmy Foxx and Mel Ott.

An admiral watching a young boot labor eagerly but clumsily on the quarterdeck, asked: "How long have you been in the Navy, son?"

"Two months," the boy replied. "How long have you been in?"

The admiral was slightly taken aback, but answered good naturedly, "Thirty years."

"It's hell, ain't it?" the youngster said sympathetically.



Oak Knoll's casaba hopes pose with Coach Joe Reginato during a lull in practice as they prepare to open their season, 8 January, against the Moffett Field Flyers. They are, left to right, top: Reginato, R. C. Loveland, G. E. Papadakis, W. A. Vandiver, C. Anderson, Bill Munselle, J. Rock, and H. Boudreau. Bottom row, left to right: C. C. Spencer, H. J. Owens, Bob Worsham, B. B. Hook, Dave Maese, Allan Dolph, and C. A. (Johnny) Johnson. The club is sporting the new uniform that will make its appearance this season. Not too optimistic about Oak Knoll's chances in the league, Coach Reginato does say his boys will make a name for themselves.

Canned Foods X-rayed Before Being Used

Atlanta (AFPS)—No contaminated foods will be eaten by members of Armed Forces if the Army's Quartermaster Corps and X-ray can prevent it.

Various Quartermaster depots throughout the nation are now giving fluorescent treatment to all canned goods.

Col. Clyde Massey, commanding officer of the Atlanta general depot, said recently that the idea is to discover quickly and accurately any faulty canned goods and cut down on the cost involved in the old-fashioned "spot check" method of inspection.

Inspection is made by means of a mobile X-ray unit which rides around in a ten-ton semi-trailer, 28 feet long and eight feet wide.

The cans line up with military precision on an automatic conveyor system. As they pass in review before the lens of the X-ray camera at high speed, deterioration of contents, corrosion, or the presence of foreign matter is detected quickly.

Dentist (to talkative patient): "Open your mouth and shut up."

"It Ain't Funny"

Although they have a practical purpose of mastication and good looks, it seems that we always try to find other uses for our teeth.

Such was the case of Athletic Director Joe Reginato a couple of days before Christmas. It seems that something or other was stuck in the lining of one of the hospital's brand new basketball suits. The belt wouldn't open, or some such thing. So, since Joe is the coach, he thought it should be up to him to remedy the situation.

Did Joe use a practical means to solve the dilemma? Of course not. He used his two front teeth. And what do you think he sang to Santa on the night before Christmas. Uh-huh, that's right—"All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, etc."

Chuckles

"Why did they hang that picture?"  
"Perhaps they couldn't find the artist."

"Your apartment is just as cute as ever. Don't you just adore it?"

"Naw. I'm moving."

"Why, what's come over you?"

"An opera singer."

Gardener: "This is a tobacco plant in full flower, madam."

Dear Old Lady: "How very interesting! And how long will it be before the cigars are ripe?"

New Iceman: "Say, what do you think? The guy in that house threw me out because I tried to kiss the cook this morning."

Milkman: "I think the lady of that house does her own cooking."

Smith (reading statistics): "Do you know that every time I breathe, a man dies?"

Jones: "Why don't you sterilize your mouth?"

"I wonder why there are so many more auto wrecks than railway accidents?"

"That's easy. Did you ever hear of the fireman hugging the engineer?"

"How much do you still owe on your car?"

"Only a grudge against the man who sold it to me."



"Yippe-e-e-e! I've been drafted!"